

Netanyahu calls Clinton, offers sympathy

DAVID MAKOVSKY and news agencies

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu spoke with President Bill Clinton yesterday evening, offering his condolences to the US and the families of the servicemen killed in the bombing in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

Netanyahu said that Israel would offer any assistance desired to the injured servicemen, including those suffering severe burns.

The two spoke as Clinton was on Air Force One en route to the summit of seven top industrialized countries in Lyon.

Netanyahu said he called Secretary of State Warren Christopher after the attack and proposed joint action against terrorism.

"I spoke with Christopher and made it clear to him that we repeat and confirm our desire to cooperate against terrorism that harms all of us, harms humanity, civilization, and the human values that Israel and the United States share," Netanyahu told Army Radio.

After meeting with Christopher, President Ezer Weizman said he suspected Iran was responsible for the bombing.

"I bet you that the Iranians are behind it, and it is time that people realize it," Weizman told reporters.

Weizman said Iran was behind similar attacks in Lebanon and Egypt.

"The world has to work not only on proof... the world has to work on assumptions and assessments of information. It is high time the world realized that Iran is one of

the greatest enemies of European civilization," Weizman said.

France also condemned the bombing, offering its sympathies to Washington and Riyadh, and its condolences to the victims' families.

"France condemns the attack carried out yesterday evening against the base," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement. "France believes the battle against terrorism must be unrelenting, wherever it occurs and whoever its authors."

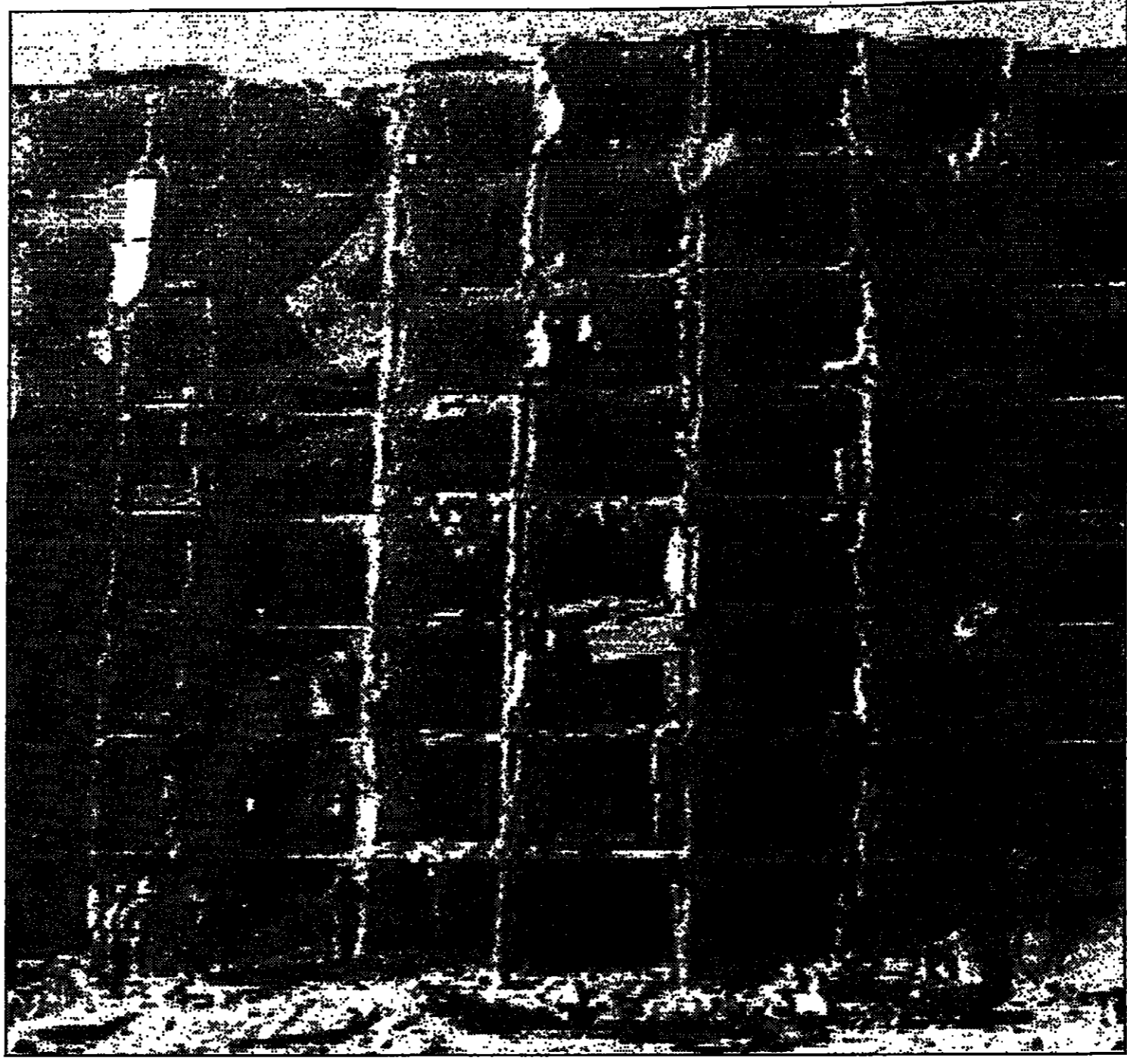
UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, who is on a two-day working visit to London, condemned the attack "in the strongest possible terms," and urged the international community "to strengthen its efforts to combat international terrorism."

British Prime Minister John Major called the bombing "an act of pure evil for no reason" and promised maximum assistance to identify the perpetrators. More than 200 Royal Air Force personnel based at Dhahran, alongside US and French forces, escaped injury.

"We have had all too much of this sort of experience, the unprovoked bomb, the murder of innocent people," Major said.

Palestinian Authority Justice Minister Freih Abu Meidein said the bombing showed that lack of full peace in the region created violence.

"Terrorist actions will continue if there is no complete peace agreement in the Middle East," he said.



The wreckage of a bombed apartment building at the US Air Force complex in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, is seen in this view from Saudi Television yesterday. The truck bomb that exploded in the complex on Tuesday killed at least 19 people. (AP)

Knesset plenum opens with condolences

LIAT COLLINS

KNESSET Speaker Dan Tichon opened yesterday's plenum session by expressing condolences to the American people following the attack on US soldiers in Saudi Arabia.

"Terror doesn't distinguish between peoples and states. The roots of terror are branching out throughout the whole world and threaten its peace, and when Israel fights back and warns about terror, she is not only fighting her own battle but warning the whole world, because terror is the enemy of humanity," Tichon said.

MK Haggai Merom complained that his request for an urgent plenum discussion on the attack had been rejected. He said the Foreign Ministry had asked the Speaker not to raise the matter.

A Knesset spokesman said it had been decided to hold the discussion next week after more details on the attack are known, rather than the same morning, before relevant information is available. He denied that anyone from the Foreign Ministry had asked the Knesset to postpone the debate.

Palestinian rights activist released

JON IMMANUEL

PALESTINIAN Police yesterday released human rights activist Dr. Eyad Sarraj after arresting him twice in one month for criticizing Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat.

In a separate development the PA High Court of Appeals in Ramallah ordered Arafat to explain why he was keeping 10 students in jail without charges.

The 53-year-old psychiatrist, who runs Gaza's Mental Health Center as well as the Independent Palestinian Commission for Citizens' Rights, was first arrested in mid-May for a week after giving an interview to *The New York Times*. In the interview, he protested the corruption and dictatorship of the PA, imprisonment without charge, and a lack of press freedom, which he said was psychologically worse than living under Israeli occupation.

Sarraj was released early yesterday, 17 days after being rearrested, following a letter he sent to Arafat reiterating his earlier accusations against Arafat and the PA. The official charge against him was drug possession, a charge that was later dropped. He then remained detained for allegedly assaulting a police interrogator, though he in fact complained that he was hit by a question in a military court to testify against Sarraj with a bandaged fist.

Sarraj refused to be interviewed yesterday. His family said he was tired but well.

In Ramallah yesterday, a lawyer petitioned the Palestinian High Court of Appeals on behalf of 10 students from Bir Zeit University arrested by the Palestinian Police more than 100 days ago and held without charges or remand orders.

When attorney Khader Shkeirat handed the court registrar a petition naming Arafat as a respondent, the judges held consultations for 30 minutes before deciding whether to accept it.

Boy drowns in Meshushim pool

A 13-year-old boy from Petah Tikva drowned in the Meshushim pool in the Yehudiya forest region of the Golan last night. Police said the youngster had been with a group of schoolchildren from Petah Tikva who had been hiking in the region with a guide. Bathing in the pool is not prohibited, but police said they were questioning the guide.

David Rudge

Attack on US soldiers may be linked to Saudi internal tensions

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman was quick to point the finger of blame for the terrorist attack on US soldiers in Saudi Arabia at Iran.

But according to Yoram Meital, a member of the Middle East Studies department at Ben-Gurion University, the attack was probably linked to the ongoing struggle between the Saudi Arabian government and local militant Islamic groups.

"Essentially, the struggle is not new," said Meital. "It has taken on many forms and directions over the past decades."

In addition to a non-militant Islamic opposition, which wants to reach a modus vivendi with Saudi Arabia's political and religious establishment, there are a number of extremist Islamic groups. These groups became active at the end of the 1970s and perpetrated their most violent act in 1979, when they took over and held the Great Mosque in Mecca for two weeks. Hundreds died in the fighting to liberate the site.

Last year, five US soldiers and two Indians were killed in an explosion at a US-run military

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training center in Riyadh, the capital. The Islamic militants take a very critical view of the links between the US and Saudi governments, and especially the increasingly close military ties that began 20 years ago but took a quantum leap after the 1991 Gulf War. During the war, some 500,000 allied troops - most of them American - were stationed in the area, most of them on Saudi soil.

There is something ironic about the fact that Saudi Arabia - once considered the most Islamic of the Arab and Moslem states - should be facing an Islamic fundamentalist threat.

The current ruling dynasty, founded by Muhammad Ibn Saud, formed an alliance in the 18th century with Mohammed ibn Abed el-Wahab, a radical religious leader. Since then, Saudi Arabia has been governed by a Moslem constitution and Moslem

law. But the 20th century has brought oil-created wealth to the nation of 10 million, most of it concentrated in the hands of the royal family. While parts of the population enjoy the fruits of modernization, some are outraged by the moral corruption and social and economic inequality that have followed in its wake.

Although Saudi Arabia is an authoritarian and centralized regime, the government has had trouble either rooting out or reaching a compromise with the extremists.

According to Meital, it is too early to determine whether Iran was involved in the terrorist attack. It is very difficult to prove such involvement under any circumstances.

However, there is no doubt that Iran helps indigenous fundamentalist groups in other countries, including Moslem Sunnis. And the Saudi government is very concerned about Iranian intervention in the Gulf - not only at home but also in the neighboring countries of Bahrain and Qatar.

THE terrorist attack on US troops in Saudi Arabia will not lead to a withdrawal of American forces or a rise in isolationist sentiment in the US, according to Shmuel Sandler, professor of international politics at Bar-Ilan University.

"Saudi Arabia is obviously important to Americans," he said. "They understand the significance of the price of gasoline. It's not the same as US soldiers dying in Bosnia."

Furthermore, Americans understand that if they want their country to be a super-power, it must fight terrorism. "They understand that this is an ongoing war."

On the other hand, President Bill Clinton's electoral fortunes may be jeopardized by the attack. "The first reaction of Americans will be one of anger," said Sandler. "Americans don't like it when their soldiers are killed."

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They will rally around the flag and around the president. It might even help Clinton in the short term."

"But many Americans will also expect Clinton to find an appropriate response to the attack. If he doesn't, they may abandon him, just as they did Jimmy Carter in 1980, when he failed to gain the release of US hostages in Iran. "Public opinion in America isn't sophisticated," said Sandler. "They want solutions."

Clinton may be helped if it turns out that Iran is behind the attack, because it would fit into the world view of the Iranian threat that Americans have been schooled in over the past few years. But no matter what happens to

Clinton, the terrorist attack will not change the basic American view of its role in the world. "At this stage, both Democrats and Republicans are interventionists," said Sandler. "No one would go back to isolationism."

The attack may also help the US in its attempts to get Europe to join its campaign to isolate Iran. A new American law, calling for a boycott of companies that trade with Iran, has angered the Europeans. Now, they may take a softer view, although Sandler is doubtful that the attack will have any substantial effect on the European attitude toward Iran.

It may also help increase international cooperation in the fight against terrorism, says Sandler. After all, the success of the attack demonstrated the weakness in counter-terrorist intelligence.

US overseas vulnerability exposed

WASHINGTON - The truck bomb is America's worst nightmare, whether in Oklahoma City, Beirut, Bosnia or Saudi Arabia. It is a symbol of the vulnerability of the world's most powerful nation.

"There is not absolute security [overseas], and we do expose ourselves to risk by exercising leadership and engaging in the rest of the world," Philip Wilcox, head of the State Department's counterterrorism office, said told ABC News. "We do everything we can, however, to protect our people."

The explosion that tore through apartment buildings at a US Air Force complex in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday evoked the awful memory of the 1983 bombing in Beirut that killed 241 American servicemen. That, too, was a truck bomb that went off outside a US military barracks.

Can such incidents be prevented? Of course not.

That was a theme that dominated the debate over sending 20,000 US troops to Bosnia as part of a NATO peacekeeping force.

Opponents of US intervention in Bosnia repeatedly recalled the Beirut bombing and predicted that American troops in Bosnia would

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be targets of similar attacks. So far, the Bosnia mission has been free of major terrorist assaults.

But the explosion in Saudi Arabia is a reminder that the opponents of sending troops to Bosnia may yet see their arguments prove tragically prophetic.

When White House spokesman Mike McCurry was asked whether there had been any specific threats against the US base in Saudi Arabia he replied, "That is a part of the world in which the threat exists all the time of people who would do damage to the interests of the United States and the interests of those who support the [Middle East] peace process."

A Defense Department official who described yesterday's attack to reporters said a series of suspicious incidents had been reported in the area over the past several months, and that security measures had been tightened as a result.

But as the incident illustrated, security can never be tightened enough. Israelis know this as well as anyone.

Time and again Israel has suffered through terrorist bombings that have killed innocent people, that have claimed victims riding the bus or standing on a street corner.

When attacks are carried out by Hizbullah in Southern Lebanon, the Israeli response is swift and violent. But it has yet to stop the terrorism.

Not that long ago, attacks in the heart of Israel brought retaliation against Palestinian strongholds. Since the signing of the Oslo accords, however, the PLO is no longer a ready target for retaliation.

For the United States, retaliation is even more difficult.

When the truck bomb went off in Beirut, President Reagan vowed to punish the culprits. But how could they be singled out?

In the aftermath of the Saudi bombing, President Clinton vowed, "The cowards who committed this murderous act must not go unpunished."

In the insular society of Saudi Arabia, apprehending those responsible is more likely than in Bosnia or Lebanon. Last November, a car bomb went off at a US-run military training facility, killing five Americans and two Indians.

Four Islamic militants were apprehended, convicted and beheaded. The men, all Saudis, were executed despite threats from underground extremists to attack US interests in the kingdom if the four were punished.

The fact they were apparently able to carry out their threat demonstrated once again the vulnerability of US forces. (AP)

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(Continued from Page 1) he is confident that Netanyahu "understands his obligations to adhere to the agreements" and "intends to take the proper steps in this direction."

Senior Clinton administration officials said that during his 24-hour visit to Jerusalem, Christopher's job was not only to affirm US-Israel links, but to quietly point out to Netanyahu the likely consequences in the Arab world of any sharp policy departures.

"We want the new government in Israel to make their new policy choices with their eyes open to the implications of their decisions," one senior official said.

This created speculation that the US had warned against such decisions as closing Orient House, not pulling back in Hebron, or establishing new settlements.

But the warning creates the impression that incremental policy changes from the previous government, or a "Labor-plus" approach, might under certain conditions be accepted by the Arabs, as it will be seen as bowing to domestic political constraints.

Christopher and US officials did most of the talking during the visit. The secretary was careful not to ask for Netanyahu's response on specific issues, such as Hebron or when he would meet Arafat.

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(Continued from Page 1) two nearby apartment buildings, the official said. But the bomb went off a couple of minutes later, at 10:30 p.m. local time, before people could get out.

"I heard a deafening noise and then the windows shattered and the walls fell in," said Staff Sgt. Tyler Christie, 31, of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, who was lightly injured.

Master Sgt. William Sine was walking down a hallway toward the elevator when he was knocked to the ground by the force of the blast.

"The lights went off... and I realized the whole side of the building was falling," said Sine, 39, of Warren, Ohio. He said he quickly started to help care for the victims.

"There were some people dead. I could feel a lot of blood on my hands, and I knew, it couldn't be sweat because it was too thick," he said from his bed at King Fahd Hospital, where he was recovering from cuts on the thigh, face, and arms.

Hundreds of people rushed out into the streets. "We thought it was the end of the world," said Walid, 22, who was walking nearby at the time of the explosion.

The attack raised new concerns about the political future of Saudi Arabia, long seen as a bastion of stability in a volatile region.

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(Continued from Page 1) old charter and that whatever new document they adopt is compatible with the declarations of peace that they have put forward publicly," he said.

Netanyahu suggested he favored steps to improve the Palestinian economy. But while he said he did not like the principle of closure, he offered no timetable for lifting the current closure of the territories.

"I think that ideas of creating magnets for employment are sound, providing they're not artificial employment. And there's probably a lag of some time before free-market forces can operate fully in Gaza and in the other Palestinian areas, simply because the economy is at a fairly low level. But it would be brought up rapidly by a combination of investments in infrastructure, which also offer considerable employment, and certain other economic ideas that I have in mind, and these will be the subject of my discussions."

The full interview will appear tomorrow.

Court asked to ban smoking on airplanes

JUDY SIEGEL

A REQUEST for a temporary injunction ordering smoking banned on all Israeli flights to and from the country was filed in the High Court of Justice yesterday by a group of El Al stewards.

The stewards, who were joined in the suit by the Israel Cancer Association and a woman who flies frequently to South Africa, said smoking on flights violates their right to good health. In a few

months, a three-judge panel will hear the case, which was filed by Israel Association for the Prevention of Smoking legal adviser Amos Hausner.

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Weizman reminds Mubarak that Israel and Egypt are at peace

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PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman says he is worried by the growing "anti-Israeli" sentiment evident in Egypt.

Weizman told reporters yesterday that he had asked US Secretary of State Warren Christopher to remind Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo that Israel and Egypt are friends.

"I pointed to the behavior adopted by Egypt - that it has become a leader in spreading anti-Israel sentiment," Weizman told reporters at his breakfast meeting with Christopher.

"I told him he should tell President Mubarak that we have been friends since 1977, almost 20 years," said Weizman, who as a cabinet minister in prime minister Menachem Begin's cabinet helped negotiate the 1979 treaty.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister David Levy said Israel would reject attempts to dictate its policy and create preconditions for negotiations.

Answering several motions on the concluding statement of the Arab Summit in Cairo at the beginning of the week, Levy

promised the government would talk with all relevant bodies to further the peace process - including the Palestinian Authority.

"We didn't choose it, but there is no other partner," he said.

"In these negotiations Israel will stand firm on its basic principle of direct negotiations without preconditions, and certainly without dictating in an attempt to reach peace and stability in the region.

"In the concluding statement... the text contains a hint that normalization might be harmed or stalled if the Israeli government doesn't meet certain demands. What demands? That Israel withdraw from the whole of the Golan Heights to the 1967 borders; that a Palestinian state be established with Jerusalem as its capital; and that the right of [Palestinian] return be recognized." Levy described the possibility of a return to tension and bloodshed in the region as "something I don't even want to think about."

He also criticized Egypt for hinting it would lead a hawkish line against Israel at the UN.

Christopher panned in Egyptian press

CAIRO (AP) - Egypt's state-run press, usually cautious in criticizing the US, yesterday said Secretary of State Warren Christopher's "shameful" comments in Israel show he is not an honest broker.

The two main government dailies, *Al-Ahram* and *Al-Akhabar*, carried front-page editorials accusing Christopher of changing US policy on the peace negotiations and acting solely in Israel's interests.

"By giving this shameful support unworthy of a superpower, Christopher is declaring... he is not an honest broker in the peace process and is interested in the Middle East's security and stability only in the framework of Israeli interests," *Al-Akhabar* said.

The editorials appeared as Christopher arrived for meetings with President Hosni Mubarak and PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

In Israel on Tuesday, Christopher endorsed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's call for resuming peace talks without conditions, and the Egyptian dailies saw this as evidence he is backing Israeli policy statements viewed by the Arabs as a denial of principles accepted in the peace talks.

"The question is what pushed Christopher to change the American policy in such a great hurry," said *Al-Ahram*.

It noted the US is "the chief sponsor of the peace process, which has supported the Security Council resolutions and the peace agreements," its front-page editorial said.

In fact, while Christopher did not restate the land-for-peace policy in his news conference with Netanyahu, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns later said that it remains official US policy.

The opposition daily *Al-Wafiq* said that in formulating US policies, Christopher should listen to Arab public opinion, which it said is increasingly disbelieving of American claims to support justice and freedom.

"We hope his excellency will have only one hour for a tour of Cairo's streets to talk to people and listen to what Egyptians say... and the unease and outrage they feel against American policy," it said.

"What you will hear on the streets of Cairo is only an echo of the Arab summit, and you will find the Egyptians against you and in support of the summit's resolutions."

Bomb wounds SLA soldier

DAVID RUDGE

A SOUTH Lebanese Army soldier was very lightly wounded by a roadside bomb in the security zone yesterday.

The bomb was detonated alongside an SLA patrol near Kantara, in the western sector of the zone. The wounded soldier was taken to Marjayoun hospital.

Reports from Lebanon said Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the attack. The organization was also responsible for the previous incident on Monday,

when two large explosive devices were detonated first near an IDF convoy and a short while later by SLA troops in the Bint J'ball area, also in the western sector of the zone. There were no IDF or SLA casualties.

Hizbullah is expected to escalate its activities, which were halted for the duration of the Cairo summit, especially in light of the decision by the Arab leaders to differentiate between terrorism and "legitimate national resistance."



Yulian Arsana, 44, who was wounded in yesterday's attack on IDF soldiers in the Jordan Valley, grimaces in pain as he is wheeled into the operating room at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem. (Brian Hender)

'Lebanon comes to the Jordan Valley'

BILL HUTMAN

SOUTH Lebanon has arrived in the Jordan Valley, David Elhayani, chairman of the Jordan Valley Communities Council said yesterday, after being briefed by OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan about the border attack that left three soldiers dead and two wounded.

"The attack was well planned," Elhayani said. "They were probably waiting there all night for the patrol to come by, hidden in a gully and just waiting for them. The soldiers didn't have a chance."

"This is the kind of attack we have seen in south Lebanon. I hope that the incident will prove to be an exception. We have good relations with the Jordanians, and are sure they will do everything they can to make sure there are more attacks like this one."

Elhayani noted that the attack was the more shocking because the area is usually "a peaceful one," which has not suffered

many incidents in the past.

Elhayani said that security road is patrolled "about every two weeks," along the stretch where the attack occurred. Further north, the road is patrolled daily, he said.

Area communities were put on alert immediately after the attack, although there was no visible sign of increased readiness. Elhayani said. Additional soldiers were rushed to the scene of the attack, to search for the terrorists, but not to the communities.

The attack occurred several kilometers from the nearest community, Na'aran. The area is largely undeveloped, with sporadic banana and date fields, but otherwise desolate. Jericho is about 10 kilometers south, but at no time did the army believe the terrorists fled there.

"I was working in the banana field when I heard shots fired,"

said Daniel Kostan, 26, from Moshav Yitav. He continued working, in the area the army said it closed off to carry out the search for the terrorists, and was in contact with the moshav but was not told to leave.

"I kept working, and then saw all the police and army vehicles driving into the area, and a helicopter flying overhead. A little later I heard some more shots, but that was it," said Kostan, sitting atop his tractor, headed back to the moshav for lunch.

"Our answer to the attack must be to increase development in the area," Elhayani said.

David Levy, Jordan Valley Council Chairman, was also briefed by Dayan. "This is a very serious incident, which raises great concern for all residents of the area," Levy said. He said he got a call at about 8 a.m. from

security officials informing him of the attack.

"I hope that this is not a sign of escalation along the border, but a one-time incident," Levy said.

An official statement put out by the council expressed similar concerns.

"This is a very serious incident, which is more reminiscent of a confrontation zone than of peace," the statement said. "We are very worried by the daring and the freedom [of action] displayed by the terrorists... Farmers from the Jordan Valley settlements have worked their fields in this area with no special problems in recent years. We hope that this grave incident is a one-time event, and we call on Jordan to tighten the noose around the necks of the terrorists and to prevent any recurrence of such an event."

Evelyn Gordon contributed to this story.

Jordan, Israel hold joint search for attackers

STEVE RODAN

JORDAN and Israel conducted joint searches for the infiltrators who ambushed the IDF patrol yesterday, in an operation that had Israeli air force helicopters flying over Jordanian air space and put at least one senior IDF officer on Jordanian territory, military sources said.

"The coordination went very smoothly and the Jordanians did an excellent job," a military source said.

The searches were part of a closely-coordinated effort that has existed along the Jordanian-Israeli border for the last 18 months, including coordinated border patrols.

Sources said that after yesterday's attack, IDF officers called their Jordanian counterparts and a search was quickly launched on both sides of the border. Senior Jordanian officers, including the army chief of staff and the head of ground forces, arrived at the border.

IDF sources said both the Israeli and Jordanian armies are in close contact at all levels up to company commander. They said Israel has helped train Jordanian forces serving along the border to better spot potential infiltrators.

This effort is believed to have helped Jordan handle the wave of Syrian-sponsored infiltration into the Hashemite kingdom over the last two months. At the Arab League summit in Cairo, which ended earlier this week, Jordan's King Hussein presented his Syrian counterpart, Hafez Assad, with a list of 50 incidents of terrorist infiltration.

A Jordanian security source said the nation's intelligence services have been successful in preventing virtually all of the attempted attacks in the kingdom, including an attempt to attack Israeli tourists earlier this year.

Mordechai: Gov't must balance commitments against threats

EVELYN GORDON

THE government wants to honor its commitments under the Oslo accords, but will have to rethink its position if fulfilling these commitments would produce security threats, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said during a tour of Hebron yesterday.

"In principle, we want to keep the agreements," he said in an interview with Israel Radio. "The main issue which is worrying us, and which also worried the previous government, is the very special security problems which exist in the city of Hebron. Any mistake we make now, any excess risk that we take, could come back to haunt us in the future. We therefore prefer to wait a while [to study the issue]."

Mordechai, who met with both settlement leaders and Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe, told the latter that the new government's view of the political situation is not the same as that of the previous government, and that this would influence the way it saw its commitments under the agreements, according to Hebron spokesman Noam Amon. In par-

important thing: To study Hebron's serious security problems."

Natshe, meanwhile, warned Mordechai that failure to redeploy in Hebron would bring the peace process to a halt. He told Israel Radio after the meeting that he received the impression from Mordechai that the government would make its decision on the issue soon.

Leaders of the Jewish community in Hebron used the opportunity to tell Mordechai of their opposition to any redeployment, or to any armed Palestinian police presence in Hebron.

Village mourns fallen tracker

DAVID RUDGE

RESIDENTS of Arab al-Shibli on the slopes of Mt. Tabor were in mourning yesterday following the death of Sgt. Ashraf Shibli in the ambush by Palestinian gunmen of an IDF patrol in the Jordan rift region.

Ashraf's father, who served in the army for 12 years, said his son had been keen to join, and had wanted to take an officer training course.

Local council chairman Ali Shibli said Ashraf was well-known in the village, which has a population of 3,000 people, and was liked by all.

Ali Shibli said Ashraf's death brought the number of villagers killed while in the IDF to nine, most of them having died while serving as trackers.

"We are all very upset, but we must not allow those who are trying to disrupt the peace process to succeed. All the world will unite against those extremists whose aim is to create hatred," he said.

Police recommend charging Eitan

BILL HUTMAN

THE police investigation file on Environment and Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan has been transferred to Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair, apparently with a recommendation that he be charged for misusing a confidential IDF document.

The police spokesman, in a statement, confirmed that the file was turned over to the attorney-general. He refused to comment further.

But police sources said the file included a recommendation that the Tsomet Party leader be charged for using a confidential IDF document that contained incriminating information about a Tsomet activist, to force the activist out of the party.

Eitan was cleared by police of allegations he misused campaign contributions from the 1992 election, according to the sources. The allegations concerning the IDF document also relate to that election campaign.

It is now up to Ben-Yair to decide whether to accept the police recommendations. If he does, he must ask the Knesset to lift Eitan's immunity so he can be indicted.

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Russian TV campaign resumes, Zyuganov complains of bias

JULIA RUBIN
MOSCOW

FREE campaign ads returned to the airwaves yesterday a week before Russia's election, and Communist candidate Gennady Zyuganov said in his that his message is being drowned and distorted.

"For 48 hours a day, from dawn until midnight, we get up with Mr. Yeltsin and go to sleep with him, while talented people in Russia cannot outline their different point of view," Zyuganov said in a five-minute spot on Public Television.

Zyuganov later told a news conference he had filed a protest to election authorities and parliament accusing Yeltsin of pressuring local government officials to campaign for him and of raiding the budget for campaign money.

Zyuganov meets Yeltsin in a runoff next week and the free TV and radio campaign spots may be particularly valuable for him. He has traditionally shunned television and his lackluster campaign is short of funds.

Yeltsin, backed by Russia's major networks and newspapers, gets heavier coverage on daily newscasts and leads opinion polls. Before the first round of voting, on June 16, Yeltsin rarely appeared on his own TV spots, presumably to avoid over-exposure.

Yeltsin's campaign continued that strategy yesterday, letting supporters

speaking for him and showing Soviet documentary footage of famine and civil war in the 1920s, food lines in the '50s and empty shelves in the '80s.

"Communists have not changed even their name. They won't change their methods," it warns.

Zyuganov, who supports a return to many Soviet-style economic controls, accused Yeltsin of falsely saying Communists want to "take somebody backwards."

"I do not think that the millions of (Communist) voters voted for going backwards, for having gulags, lines," he said. "It is not so."

Zyuganov, who turned 52 yesterday, also renewed calls for a televised debate with Yeltsin and for a coalition government.

He told the news conference that he, too, has given some of his TV and radio time to "comrades" who will speak for him.

Zyuganov told reporters Yeltsin is "cheating on a massive scale," spending billions of dollars in state funds on his campaign.

"This is the same money which is not paid to teachers, doctors, servicemen, pensioners," he said. "Such illegal practices... could call into question the results of the vote

for Yeltsin." Yeltsin, meanwhile, has been shaking up his government and trying to project a forceful image on everything from the war in Chechnya to paying back wages.

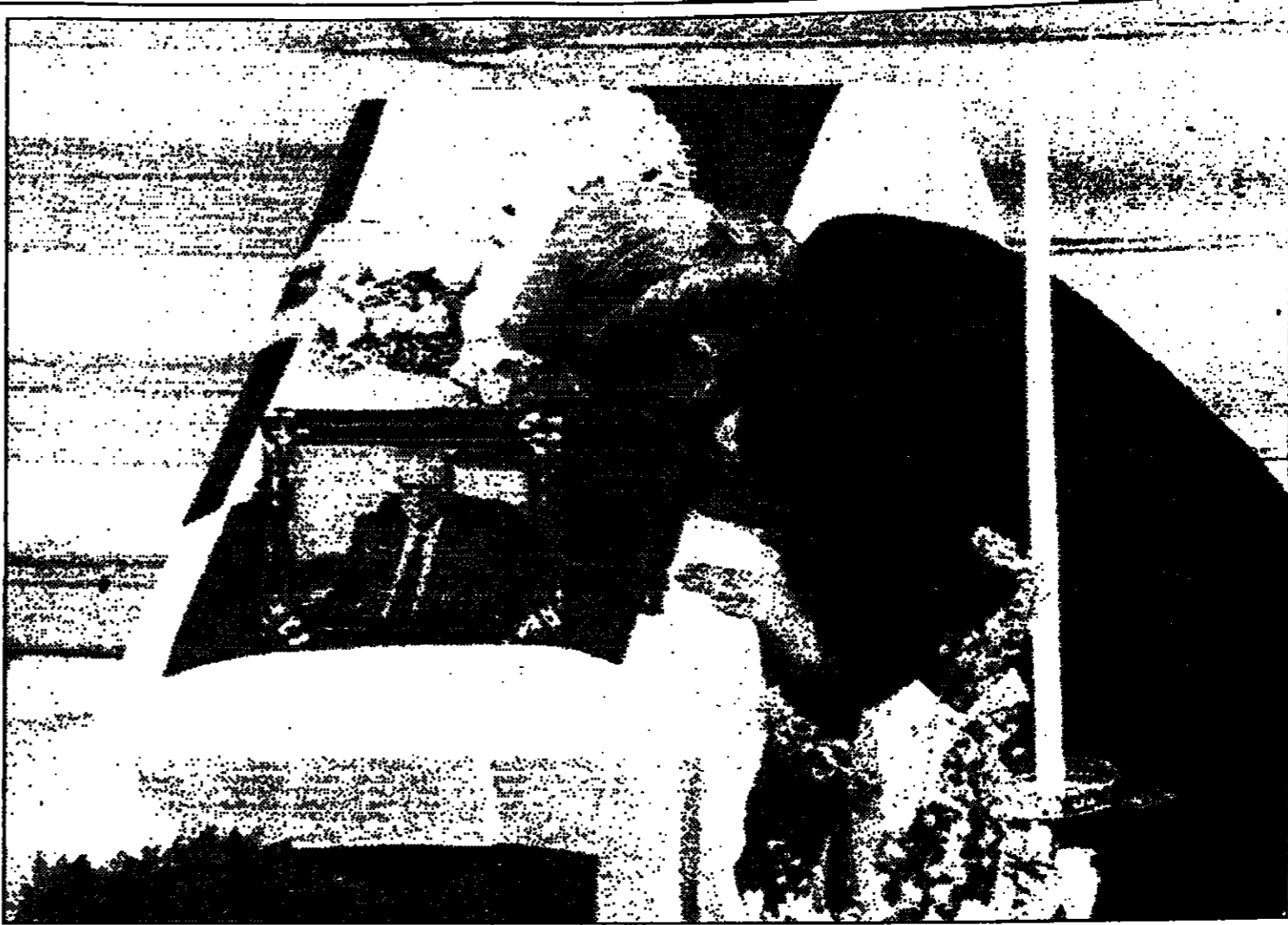
The most difficult part of the shakeup, he said in an interview published yesterday, was firing his long-time friend and bodyguard, Alexander Korzhakov, who reformers said was plotting to cancel the elections.

"I owe him a lot," Yeltsin told the weekly *Argumenty i Fakty*, and said he and Korzhakov would remain close.

"I can be friends with Alexander Korzhakov and his family - that's my personal affair. But if he wants to join big politics, let him do it from the main entrance rather than the backstairs."

A poll by the All-Russian Public Opinion Center, conducted June 18-20, indicates Yeltsin's alliance with retired general Alexander Lebed has helped the president's campaign. Lebed, who finished third in the first round of voting, was named Yeltsin's new national security chief.

Center director Yuri Levada told reporters yesterday the poll, with a 4 percentage-point margin of error, gave Yeltsin 53 percent to Zyuganov's 38 percent, Interfax news agency reported. (AP)



Dimitra Papandreou kisses the coffin of her husband, the late former Greek prime minister, Andreas Papandreou, in Athens's Metropolitan Church before the start of the funeral procession. See adjacent story. (Reuters)

Greeks flock to Athens for Papandreou funeral

ATHENS (AP) - Socialist party supporters from all over Greece flocked to Athens yesterday to attend the state funeral of Andreas Papandreou, the immensely popular former premier and leader of the ruling party.

Papandreou died Sunday of a heart attack at age 77. Since then, tens of thousands of people passed by his flag-draped coffin in Athens' central Orthodox cathedral where he lay in state.

Mourners came by plane, train, ship and bus to attend Greece's first funeral with full state honors since the death of King Paul in 1964, ten years before the monarchy was abolished. They lined the route from the cathedral through Athens' center to the First Cemetery in the 39-degree heat (102 degrees Fahrenheit).

The funeral service was conducted by Greece's Orthodox Primate Archbishop Seraphim and other senior members of the church. Air conditioning was installed for the comfort of the nearly 500 people in the cathedral.

"Andreas Papandreou's appearance in politics in our country marked a new period in politics in our country," said Premier Costas Simitis in his eulogy. He noted that Papandreou gave up a career as a professor of economics in the United States, where he was dean of the department of economics at the University of California at Berkeley before running for office in Greece in 1964.

"Although he had secured a bright academic career on an international level, he preferred the role of politics. Because he believed in the power of dreams, in the humanization of society, in Greece's renewal," Simitis

said. Papandreou was also active in fighting a rightwing military junta from 1967 to 1974, founding a resistance group that was the precursor of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement, or PASOK, that he founded in 1974 and led with an iron grip until his death.

Papandreou's 41-year-old wife Dimitra, his former wife of 38 years, Margaret, and their four children stood beside the casket. Organizers and police did not have an immediate estimate of how many people had gathered for the funeral.

Flags flew at half staff and yesterday was declared a day of national mourning. The civil service, banks, archaeological sites and museums were closed, while labor unions called a work stoppage in the private sector and public utilities for the duration of the funeral so that employees could attend.

Papandreou held no state office when he died, which was reflected in the fairly low Cabinet level of many of the representatives of about 80 governments who attended.

Greece's Costis Stephanopoulos, Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and Glafcos Clerides of Cyprus were the only heads of state. The premiers of the Netherlands, Bulgaria, Albania, Slovenia, Armenia and the Australian state of Victoria attended. Germany, Canada, Belgium, Iran, Turkey, Croatia, Georgia and Malta sent their foreign ministers. Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin represented the United States, Vice-Premier Vitaly Ignatenko represented Russia and Vice-President Abdel Halim Kadam came from Syria.

Holocaust museum divides Germany's Jews

BONN (Reuters) - A split emerged among Germany's Jewish leaders yesterday over whether to add a new Holocaust museum to the list of projects which aim to keep memories of the Nazi slaughter alive but compete for scarce financing.

"We have too much responsibility to simply launch something like this without being certain it can be brought to fruition," Michel Friedmann, a board member at the Central Council of Jews in Germany, said of the Berlin museum project.

"The danger is that, because of the welter of ideas and suggestions, too little comes of it," he told German Radio.

Other prominent Jews have backed the Central Museum against Crimes against Humanity, proposed in 1993 as Germany's main documentation center for the Holocaust and other atrocities.

The debate has taken on new dimensions because another big project - erecting a Holocaust monument in Berlin - remains

stalled by political controversy and a shortage of funds.

"I admire the courage of the museum proponents to start such an initiative at all given the sluggish flow of funds for the Holocaust monument," Ignatz Bubis, leader of Germany's Jewish community, told the Berliner Morgenpost newspaper this week.

He has also warned against the danger of the monument project being "talked to death" unless officials act soon.

The museum project is being pushed by the Hanover-based Cultural Peace and Conflict Research Institute, which has lined up prominent figures from politics and the arts as backers.

It says its goal is to "reveal the Holocaust comprehensively in its singularity and cynicism" as well as document subsequent atrocities ranging from Cambodia to former Yugoslavia.

Lea Rosh, a driving force behind the Holocaust monument project, defended the museum plan this week, telling the Berliner

Morgenpost it would be a "necessary and a sensible complement" to other sites in Germany.

The governments of Berlin and the surrounding state of Brandenburg have opposed the museum plan, insisting instead on fixing up the state's Sachsenhausen and Ravensbrueck concentration camp sites, now in disrepair.

After all, they say, there can be no more effective reminder of the Holocaust than the original death camps themselves.

Friedmann said he liked the idea of the Holocaust museum in principle because it could help enlighten young people about the rise of Nazism and murderous anti-Semitism. But now it was time to set priorities, and get on with the job, he added.

Bubis has accused German officials of footdragging on plans for the country's first national Holocaust memorial, whose cornerstone is set to be laid on January 27 - Germany's Holocaust Memorial Day - in central Berlin in 1999.

DURBAN (AP) - With thousands of armed police and soldiers standing guard, voting in South Africa's most turbulent region went off smoothly almost everywhere yesterday in elections for local leaders delayed twice by violence and political wrangling.

While the voting is for local officials only, it is considered a significant barometer of the strength of the nation's two leading black parties - Nelson Mandela's African National Congress and the Zulu nationalist Inkatha Freedom party - in the traditional Zulu homeland of KwaZulu-Natal province.

Two polling stations closed in the course of the morning. One at Umlazi, outside Durban, when scuffling broke out between unemployed people who were angry at not having been employed as officials, an independent radio station reported.

Another closed but later reopened after Inkatha supporters chased away people they claimed were not residents of the ward near Stanger, 80 km north of Durban.

At most stations voting started at 7 a.m. and was delayed only by logistical problems.

In Donnybrook, one of the areas worst hit by violence in recent months, voters dressed up against near freezing temperatures, sometimes hoping for the same things from different parties.

Caleb Shelembe, 57, hoped that after local elections the ANC would provide more roads. He had just walked three km from his hut across one of the district's rolling hills.

"We are long suffering," Shelembe said. Bill Dlamini, 56, also hoped for electricity, roads and clinics closer than 25 km from his hillside home, as they are at present. But he was voting for Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha party.

"I vote for him because I am born Zulu," Dlamini said.

But three of his children would vote the other way, and he didn't understand that. "I support them. I buy them food. I don't know why they changed," Dlamini said.

Polls close at 10 p.m. with the first results expected today afternoon at the earliest. The poor communications and infrastructure in rural KwaZulu-Natal meant final results were unlikely until next week.

About 3.2 million people, or 75 percent of those eligible, registered to cast ballots.

Police and soldiers set up roadblocks and searched for weapons Tuesday in final preparations for the vote.

Posters of Mandela and Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi lined the highways and

winding, rural roads, showing the two major parties were depending on the personal popularity of their national leaders to win votes for officials akin to mayors and district commissioners.

The ANC and Inkatha have fought for control of the Zulu heartland for 12 years. More than 14,000 people have died in the Zulu-versus-Zulu conflict, which remains the single greatest threat to stability in post-apartheid South Africa.

Calls for peace from Inkatha and ANC leaders in recent weeks, along with the heavy security, raised hopes of violence-free voting.

But both parties complain that some rival-controlled areas remain off-limits to their candidates and supporters. The province continues to be one of the most dangerous areas in South Africa, with scores of people dying each month.

As Inkatha stated Tuesday said one of its officials, Dabada Mbonambi, was shot and killed "in a Zulu style" this home on Sunday night. "We are another official, Sam Khumalo, was gunned down outside his home on Monday."

It was unclear whether those deaths - or any of the dozens of others in KwaZulu-Natal in recent days - were linked to politics.

Major urges Diana to accept divorce settlement

LONDON (Reuters) - British Prime Minister John Major believes a divorce settlement offered by Prince Charles to Princess Diana is astonishingly generous and has urged Diana to accept it, the *Sun* newspaper said yesterday.

The *Sun*, Britain's best-selling tabloid, said the settlement offered by the heir to the throne was believed to be worth 20 million pounds (NIS 102 million), including a lump sum, annual income, properties and expenses.

Major's office confirmed that the prime minister met Diana, separated from Charles since 1992, on Monday but declined to reveal what was discussed.

Princess Diana's spokeswoman, Jane Atkinson, said the 45-minute meeting was "one of her regular meetings with the prime minister" - she is believed to see Major every six months. Atkinson also

declined to give details. Details of the settlement were given to the government earlier this month and ministers were astonished, the *Sun* said.

"It was regarded as too generous. But the prince is determined not to appear mean. He wants a line drawn under the whole matter," it said.

The *Daily Star*, another tabloid, said the offer included an annual income for Diana of 750,000 pounds (NIS 3.8 million). It speculated a divorce announcement was imminent.

"Some royals are thought to favor an official announcement just before the England-Germany Euro 96 soccer clash to lessen the impact," it said.

Diana, 34, has been embroiled in a bitter divorce battle with the father of her two boys since she agreed to end the 15-year-old marriage in February.

White House averts contempt-of-Congress vote

WASHINGTON (AP) - On the eve of congressional testimony by two central figures in the FBI files controversy, the White House staved off a potentially embarrassing contempt-of-Congress vote over travel office documents.

House Republicans called off the threatened vote after the White House agreed to let some lawmakers view 2,000 pages of the subpoenaed documents concerning the 1993 travel office firings, for which President Clinton had claimed executive privilege.

"We averted a constitutional crisis," White House counsel Jack Quinn said after he and Rep. William Clinger, Republican of Pennsylvania, chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, emerged from a meeting on Capitol Hill.

It was the second time in a month that White House aides averted a criminal contempt vote by the House in their dispute with the Republican-led committee over documents. The vote had been scheduled for today.

Clinger's committee was to hold a hearing today on the other documents debacle, impugning the administration: the White House's improper gathering of FBI background files on hundreds of presidential employees from the Reagan and Bush years.

In the latest disclosure the Army detailed in the middle of the furor gathered FBI reports on 300 current and former national security staffers including Bush administration national security adviser Brent Scowcroft. That was in addition to the previously known collection of 407 files of former White House employees.

Clinger said he believed it was the recent "storm of publicity" over the FBI files that made the White House change course and agree to show the travel office documents.

It was the batch of travel office documents handed over by the White House last month that led to the discovery that 407 FBI files had been obtained improperly. Among the employees whose files were gathered was fired travel office chief Billy Dale.

To sidestep the impasse over the travel office documents, the White House agreed to let a handful of committee members, both Republicans and Democrats, view material still withheld.

Buddhism's 'Dead Sea Scrolls' found

LONDON (Reuters) - The British Library has found what it believes to be Buddhism's equivalent of the "Dead Sea Scrolls", written on strips of birch tree bark dating from as early as the second century AD, researchers said yesterday.

The manuscripts on 60 separate fragments of different sizes include some of Buddha's poems, sermons and treatises.

They were written up to 600 years after Buddha's death in either the fourth or fifth century BC, but scholars say they are the oldest Buddhist texts ever found

and provide a valuable insight into the early foundations of the faith.

"What we get is a very vivid picture of how the people of that time conceived of the Buddha," said Richard Salomon, an expert in ancient languages from the University of Washington in Seattle, who helped authenticate the manuscripts. He compared the discovery to the Dead Sea Scrolls.

"What we have here is almost certainly the early extant Buddhist texts," said Salomon.

They are believed to be part of the canon of the Sarvastivadin

sect which dominated Gandhara - now on the Pakistan-Afghan border.


Gandhara was one of the great centres of Buddhism in ancient times from where it spread to central and eastern Asia.

The British Library, the national library based in central London, said it bought the manuscripts from a dealer for a "five-figure" sum. It gave no further details.


They had to be unfurled with extreme care. "They looked like 2,000-year-old cigars that someone had stepped on," said Salomon.

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Disney's Hunch raises eyebrows in LA

THE Walt Disney Company, which is under threat of a boycott by 16 million Baptists for "disparaging Christian values," is bracing itself for more criticism as it releases its new animated film, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* in America.

The studio that was lambasted for presenting Pocahontas as a busy beauty is anticipating more brickbats for what it has done to Victor Hugo's story of Quasimodo, the disfigured bell ringer.

Those who have seen early screenings of the film report a dark tale of sexual obsession and genocide interspersed — for merchandise marketing opportunities, say cynics — with talking gargoyles and a cute, earring-adorned goat.

In addition, the film has been accused of having homosexual undertones because a song sung by Quasimodo, called "Out There," shares its title with a gay advocacy group.

"This is a movie that parents of young children should be cautious about," said Marilyn Beck, a Hollywood columnist and film

critic. "It's darker and more intense than most Disney fare."

Animators take full advantage of the plight of lonely, tortured Quasimodo, confined to a bell tower and banned from society by his evil surrogate father Frolo, while he yearns for the sensual Esmeralda.

Although Disney dodged a potential outcry by changing Frolo from the cleric he was in Hugo's novel to a judge, he is depicted as a power-hungry megalomaniac who develops a depraved lust for Esmeralda, whose voice is supplied by Demi Moore.

Jason Alexander, the actor who is the voice of one of the gargoyles, describes Esmeralda as "awfully provocative," adding: "She's up there in the Pocahontas category for babe of the year."

An executive with the Cineplex Odeon chain who was invited to a screening of the film said: "It deals with murder and imprisonment from the beginning. You have the baby Quasimodo snatched away from his mother

and then almost murdered as well.

"And then there's one part where Frolo is watching the fire and the flames start to dance and become the image of Esmeralda's body, which some people considered a bit provocative."

Studio executives say the scene was changed to make it clearer that the image of Esmeralda was fully clothed and they are unconcerned at the possibility of parental protests.

Peter Schneider, president of Disney's feature animation division, said: "We know that someone will always take issue with something, but we just deal with that when it comes along."

"We never grapple with whether someone will take issue with something or not. It's all about telling the tale. This picture is about how all we want to be heroic. It's that whole Superman idea that we all secretly harbor to save the day, no matter what we look like or who we are."

In her column, Beck took Disney to task for including the

gargoyles and goat simply to create a demand for toys.

"We can only wonder, if Disney continues along such lines of adult-themed movies crammed with toy possibilities, where will they go next?" she wrote.

Tom Joad befriends a pair of wisecracking potato bugs in Disney's *The Grapes of Wrath*. The mind boggles.

Disney's marketing division is eagerly making the most of the opportunities presented by a film set in the third most visited monument in Paris.

In a link-up with American Express, Disney is offering a travel package that includes a stay at Disneyland Paris and a nighttime tour of Notre Dame cathedral.

"It's going to be a way for adults to encourage their kids to see the more cultural side of Paris," said a Disneyland official.

Unfortunately, Quasimodo fans hoping to explore the towers where Hugo's fictional character rang the bells will be unlucky: Notre Dame is undergoing a renovation that has closed the towers for at least two years.

(The Daily Telegraph)

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RUTHIE BLUM

spread by word of mouth," she said, pointing to the company's policy of sending a gift to a customer who recruits another customer. "Furthermore, the manpower required to pull off such a large-scale operation is great. As a result, we want an increase in clientele to develop gradually and carefully, so as not to sacrifice efficient service," she explained.

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Mr. Biro, inventor of the ballpoint, finally honored in his native land

IN England, a ballpoint pen is popularly called a " biro," but few know why. Because in the country of his birth, even encyclopedias forgot to mention Jozsef Laszlo Biro.

Now, Hungary is paying belated tribute to the inventor of the ballpoint pen. An exhibit dedicated to his life and work opened in Budapest on Monday.

Biro, who was born in Budapest in 1899 and died in Buenos Aires on November 24, 1985, stumbled on the most famous of his more than 100 inventions nearly 60 years ago.

Working as a journalist in the 1930s, he bemoaned that the ink in his Pelican fountain pen often dried. "Many times I had to borrow a pen during interviews," he later recalled in a written memoir.

One day, Biro was in a Budapest printing shop, and saw how they used an ink that dried

immediately upon contact with paper. "It got me thinking how this process could be simplified right down to the level of an ordinary pen."

That took six years. Biro's patent was registered on February 15, 1939. In 1944, by which time he had emigrated to Argentina, he sold the manufacturing rights to a US pen company for \$2 million.

Biro moved to Argentina at the invitation of that country's president, Augustino P. Justo, whom he met at a Yugoslav resort in 1938.

"As early as 1936, my father said that all of Europe will soon be consumed by flames," said his daughter, Mariana Biro-Sweet, who came from her home in Buenos Aires for the exhibit.

But before leaving Hungary in 1940, he invented an automatic gear shift, which General Motors immediately bought.

"They bought the patent," wrote Biro, "to keep me from selling it to a competitor, and then told me they had no intention of using it."

When he died in 1985, Biro was working on new technology to enrich uranium. In honor of his famous immigrant, Argentina marks Inventors' Day on Biro's birthday, September 29.

The Hungarian's inquisitive and varied mind drew him into all kinds of professions before he settled on being an inventor. He joined the Austro-Hungarian army at age 15 to fight in World War I. After that, he worked as a journalist, painter, sculptor, art critic, race car driver and hypnotist.

"The inner process that leads to painting a picture or working out a new invention is the same," he wrote, "the same excitement and the same challenge to attain something." (AP)

An aromatherapeutic treat

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"I promise you'll feel great for the rest of the week," says Jacqueline as she gently massages essential oils into my back.

Jacqueline, an accounts clerk turned beautician, works as a beauty hostess for Schestowitz, an importer and distributor of fragrances, cosmetics and skin treatment products, who have recently introduced Paris-based Declor's aromatherapy — based on plant extracts, fruit acids and aromatic essences — to the market.

Jacqueline starts by coating my body with a peeling cream, which she informs me will aid my cell regeneration. After a few minutes, she sends me into the shower to wash it off, and then starts applying essential oils, using a massage technique which runs the gamut from palm walking down my spine to feather-light finger tip strokes.

The pressure movements of the fingers combined with the essential oils are supposed to improve the condition of the skin, tone and relax muscles, stimulate blood flow and cellular exchanges and

based on pure essential oils. Other high quality companies include Clarins and Biotherm.

The main reason for the dearth of competition, says Herve Lesieur, president and owner of Declor, is the cost of the raw material. "It takes 100 kilos of roses to get 100 grams of essential oil of roses," he points out.

Lesieur is in Israel to pave the way for the September launch of Declor's new Whitening...Skin Care range developed at the special request of the company's Asian distributors. Designed to lighten pigmentation spots, freckles and age spots, it is already being used in other Asian countries to lighten complexions. "It's the opposite of a self-tanning product," says Michael Schestowitz, CEO of the company which represents Declor in Israel, who has run successful tests on Israelis of dark complexion.

Lesieur and Schestowitz are discussing the possibility of opening a Declor Treatment Salon in Israel. "It's a fabulous idea," he enthuses, "but the timing has to be right."

Yet for all that, there are relatively few international companies that specialize in products

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Twin-headed serpent

AS if on cue, following Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's attack on Syria for harboring terrorist splinter groups in Damascus, one of those splinters - Abu Mousa's Palestine National Liberation Organization - claimed responsibility for yesterday's murderous unprovoked attack on the IDF in the Jordan Valley.
If anyone doubted that the terrorist fanatics of the Middle East were still active, Tuesday's horrendous truck bombing that killed 19 Americans and injured hundreds of people at the US Air Force complex in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, should further dispel such illusions. The explosion brought back the nightmare of the 1983 truck bomb in Beirut that killed 241 US Marines, also at a military barracks.
The two attacks were also a timely reminder that terrorists keep their promises, and those who harbor or arm them are as guilty as the perpetrators. The Muslim fundamentalist underground in Saudi Arabia (the Combatant Partisans of God) had vowed revenge for the beheading of the four terrorists recently found guilty of bombing the US military center in Riyadh last November. Hizbullah and the lunatic Palestinian fringe in Damascus have likewise been promising to accelerate their attacks on Israel.
The attackers who struck near Jericho, killing three IDF soldiers and wounding two others, clearly came from Jordan, yet no blame can be directed at Amman beyond whatever security lapse allowed the infiltrators to reach Israel from Jordan via Syria. Jordanian troops swiftly joined the IDF in combing the border to find the terrorists, and King Hussein promptly called Netanyahu to express his condolences and support. He correctly blamed those who aimed to sabotage the peaceful border between Israel and Jordan, and it was clear he meant his trouble-making northern neighbor.
If the Palestinian Authority's enthusiasm for rooting out terrorism was a fraction of Jordan's, all the people in this region - Israelis, Palestinians and Jordanians - could forge a formidable security wall against the criminal sponsors of violent mischief in Damascus and Teheran. It should be obvious to all Arab leaders - as it is to Israelis - that Damascus would like nothing better than to subvert all borders on all fronts, for this is a regime that hates all its neighbors, be they Jordanians, Palestinians, Israelis or occupied Lebanese.
The twin-headed serpent behind virtually all recent terrorism is the unholy alliance of Iran and Syria. Shi'ite eastern Saudi Arabia, of which Dhahran is the main city, has always been a fertile breeding ground for Iranian sub-

version, just as the Shi'ite community in Bahrain across the causeway from Dhahran has spawned an unprecedented wave of Iranian-backed terrorism this year in the formerly peaceful emirate.
It is depressing that although it is repeatedly noted that Syrian-Iranian terrorism is the fundamental threat facing all states in this region - and to Western interests here and beyond - it still seems impossible to forge a strategic alliance to combat it. Last weekend's Arab summit wasted its time griping about Israel, as usual, and, almost as disturbing, the European Union summit in Florence passed a nasty little resolution attacking the United States for its plans to sanction firms doing business with the Middle East's outlaw states - Iran, Iraq and Libya. If enlightened and democratic Europe cannot be persuaded to wage all-out war on the sponsors of terror, what can be expected of the feeble and strife-ridden sheikhs, kings and dictators of the Arab League?
The Sharm e-Sheikh conference earlier this year, following the four terrorist attacks in Jerusalem, Ashkelon and Tel Aviv, was a glimmer of hope that has fizzled out. The promised follow-up conference in Luxembourg, where it was hoped the Europeans would join Arab moderates, America and Israel in putting real muscle into a joint onslaught on terrorism, never convened. The Arab League summit returned that ineffectual and unholy alliance of terrorist and moderate states to the tried and tired old path of Israel-bashing. It could have chosen to acknowledge publicly that Netanyahu's alleged "hard line" vis-a-vis negotiations could also have a positive impact when viewed as an even harder line against those who are enemies of Jordan, the Palestinians, Egypt, Algeria and the Gulf states no less than they are enemies of Israel.
The treaties with Jordan and Egypt should be a clear message to all moderate Arab states that Israel doesn't care what type of government rules a neighboring state as long as it is not a terrorist regime. It is Syria's terrorism that has shown the "Syrian track" to be nothing more than a tangled undergrowth of violent and deceitful machinations. Hafez Assad had his chance to deal with the most amenable and friendly Israeli government he could have wished to face. He still could not cut a deal, nor moderate his vicious attitudes, nor disengage himself from his Iranian mullah friends. The time has come for his mask of "peace partner" to be stripped off. The face of terrorism beneath must be consigned to the isolated den of Middle Eastern pariahs under international censure and sanctions.



Saddam's sly revenge

YESTERDAY'S massive bomb blast in Saudi Arabia which devastated the US forces' residential quarter in the "secure" Khobar zone of Dhahran bore all the signs of another Iranian fundamentalist atrocity. That, at least, was the view of most "informed" experts on international terrorism.
Yet Israeli counter-intelligence people who have been analyzing the subject of Middle Eastern terrorism closely are convinced that, for once, Teheran isn't the culprit.
They point a finger directly at Saddam Hussein, who is still seeking revenge for the humiliation he suffered when US forces crushed his army and destroyed his ambition - a temporary setback, in his view - to topple the Kuwaiti and Saudi Arabian regimes five years ago.
A clue to Saddam's motive lies in the fact that President Clinton faces elections in November. Saddam has never forgotten how he lived up to his boast that hated enemy George Bush would be "long forgotten" while he still ruled in Baghdad.
Saddam views Clinton as another "Satan" whom he is also determined to bury for keeping his country until very recently.
"Saddam is a man of immense cunning," an Israeli expert on the Iraqi regime told us, "and revenge is integral to his mindset. Nothing will give him more joy than hearing commentators in Washington saying that the bombing in Saudi Arabia constitutes a heavy blow for Clinton before the elections.
"Saddam knows full well that the finger of suspicion will be pointed at Iran. And he will be as delighted as the cat who swallowed the cream at having fooled the entire world."
It is a fact that Israel, America, and Arab regimes like Jordan have repeatedly condemned the terrorist threat emanating from Iran. It was the main theme at the anti-terror meet in Sharm-e-Sheikh; and Clinton is hammering away at it in his attempt to persuade Western leaders to join him in outlawing the Iranian government until it stops its terror war against the rest of the world.
It has been proved that Iraqis were behind the slaying of 240 US soldiers in Beirut in October 1983. Iraqis were responsible for the 1992 bomb blast at the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires

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that resulted in over a score of deaths, and again in 1994, when 100 perished in an explosion that wrecked a Jewish communal center in the same city.
It's hardly a wonder that, with this record, the international bully boys of Teheran are now the targets of suspicion. And that's why Saddam is so pleased.
He felt snubbed by not being invited to last week's Arab sum-

Experts say Iraq's ruler is gratified and vastly amused. Yesterday's bombing in Saudi Arabia satisfied his lust for revenge - and Iran is carrying the can

mit in Cairo, and now, as our Saddam expert put it: "While the Iraqis carry the can, Saddam rubs his hands in glee. He will look - and feel - innocent over having sent the dynamite-loaded road tanker to Khobar."
IT WAS thirst for revenge that made the Iraqi despot offer \$5 million reward to a band of international thugs if they killed George Bush while he was on a post-presidential visit to Kuwait in March 1993. Only at the very last minute and by sheer good fortune was the plot discovered and nipped in the bud.
Back then a combined CIA-FBI team despatched to Kuwait was surprised to discover that Saddam and not Iran was behind the plot.
Revenge isn't the only reason for yesterday's murderous attack on US soldiers in Saudi Arabia.
With a bit of luck, the US will intensify its pressure on Iran, especially with Clinton now having to prove that he is tough. With a lot of luck American forces might even strike at Iran, and that would be a double revenge for Saddam, who considers Iran his greatest enemy.
It is a much-strengthened Saddam who now sits in

Baghdad, looking on with satisfaction as European and Far Eastern powers jostle for a share of the vast sums which will result from their trading with Iraq. This comes in the wake of foolish and greedy action by France, Germany and other countries who persuaded the UN to ease the oil embargo against Iraq.
There is yet another reason for Saddam to strike at Saudi Arabia. Like everyone else in the Middle East, he is aware of the massive internal struggle inside the Saudi Royal family over who is to take over from the ailing King Fahd.
On one side is Prince Bandar Sultan, deputy prime minister and father of the Saudi ambassador to the US.
The Americans would like him to succeed, for his main challenger is the religious, ultra-conservative Prince Abdullah. So anti-Western is Abdullah that he initially opposed the US Army rescuing Saudi Arabia when Saddam invaded Kuwait.
Complicating the issue is Abdullah's wife, sister to Rifat, who is the brother of Syrian President Assad. She wants Saudi Arabia to join the camp of the extremist anti-Western rulers in Damascus and Teheran. And she has immense influence over Abdullah.
When Fahd realized how Abdullah was being manipulated, he revoked his decision to put Abdullah on the throne, even though it meant delaying his retirement to the comfort of his vast fortress-palace in Malaga in southern Spain.
Yesterday's bomb blast will further unsettle the shaky position of the Royal House of Saud. Instability added to insecurity regarding the continuing flow of oil from the richest Arab country is bound to cause a jump in prices.
And all the while the cunning ruler of Baghdad will be smiling as the value of the oil the Europeans have now kindly allowed him to sell spirals upward.
This increased revenue will be very welcome. It will mean, among other things, more resources for the Iraqi tyrant to strike again at a weakened regime amid the shifting Arabian sands.
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Boxed in

GREER FAY CASHMAN

IF Prime Minister Netanyahu had stayed home and watched TV on Monday night instead of attending the Jerusalem 3000 festivities, the savings in security precautions would have been in the hundreds of thousands of shekels.
More important, the premier's absence would have allowed Jerusalemites to move freely about their own city.
When Yigal Amir assassinated Yitzhak Rabin last November, he didn't just murder the prime minister; he drastically limited my freedom of movement and that of any Israeli or visitor to this country who attends a function graced by the president or prime minister.
That senseless killing (which might have been averted had security forces been more alert and coordinated) generated an obsessive concern for the safety of the nation's leaders.
Since then, even if Ezer Weizman or Netanyahu or Shimon Peres make no more than a three-minute appearance at an affair, the other participants are required to show up two hours in advance and pass through an electronic security gate after emptying their pockets of keys, coins and other metallic objects.
How much money has been lost in possible business deals because of all the time wasted? How much quality time has been frittered away by people being forced to hang around endlessly?
To the credit of our public, most people - at least at the functions I've attended - accept the inconvenience with good grace. The Rabin murder was one tragedy too many and no one wants to witness another. If the new security measures are the price of safety, so be it.
BUT ARE THEY? And is it logical for so many people to be put out for one individual - even if he is the president or prime minister?
Precautions to protect our leaders go to such incredible extremes that on Monday night the residents of Jerusalem's Old City were quite literally ghettoized. From 8 p.m. until almost midnight they could neither enter nor exit via the Jaffa Gate, and coming in or going out through any of the other gates, entailed a huge detour, generally on foot.
I was visiting a friend who lives in the Old City, and we had planned to watch the fireworks display together from some good vantage point near David's Citadel.
We got so far as the back of the citadel - but were then prevented by police barriers from continuing. So I thought I'd go home and watch it all on TV.
Do us citizens a favor, Bibi, and say an occasional no when they invite you to a mass event
But I couldn't even get to the Jaffa Gate. Police stopped me. My instinctive response was: "I'm not Palestinian, I'm Jewish."
"It doesn't matter what you are," came the answer. "The rules are the same for everyone. You can't go through." If it was that important for me to get out, I was told, I could use the Zion Gate.
It was a long walk, and much of the path was unlit. It was also scary, because although there was one woman police officer on duty at Zion Gate itself, there were no security personnel whatsoever along the rest of the route until one came to the back of the Sultan's Pool. Anything might have happened.
Then as I turned toward Yemin Moshe (which is opposite the Old City), my way was barred three times.
By this time, my temper dangerously frayed, I screamed at police that I was sick and tired of being forced to walk around my own city, and that impeding my efforts to get home was completely undemocratic. Aware that bystanders were endorsing my comments, the officers on duty decided they didn't want any trouble and let me through.
Would it be so terrible if the president and the prime minister refused some invitations to mass events, letting it be known that it was in the interests of cutting security costs and allowing the public increased access to public places?
The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff. The views expressed are not necessarily those of the paper.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TIME FOR RECONCILIATION

Sir, - I refer to your article of June 2, "Ben-Eliezer: Weak Arab vote caused Labor's loss." I am an Israeli Arab professor who resides temporarily in the US. I am very surprised to read that one of the Labor leaders blames the Israeli Arabs for Labor's loss. We all know that while the majority of the Israeli Arabs voted for PM Peres, only 45 percent of the Jews voted for him.
First of all, we have to learn a lesson not to blame each other. Second, among the Jewish population, Netanyahu was 11 percent ahead over Peres, and the Arab citizens only helped Peres to reduce this gap. I hope they will stop bickering and exchanging accusations.
It is time for healing and not accusations. We need to unite the country and build bridges between all the people in Israel and the region. We should make efforts to overcome the deep bitterness and distrust among us. We should concentrate now on developing bridges between Israeli Arabs and Jews, left an right, and religious and secular segments of Israel. We need to pray to make Israel a place for all citizens and a better and peaceful place for future generations.
MAGID IGBARA
Claremont, California.

SMOKING AT AIRPORT

Sir, - I was recently waiting for relatives in the new arrival hall building of Ben-Gurion Airport. No matter where I stood, there was someone in my vicinity fouling the air with smoke from his cigarette. I looked around and not one "No Smoking" sign was visible in the entire building. After my own pleas to stop smoking were ignored, I asked a security guard to ask those smoking near me to put out their cigarettes. He endeavored himself to me by replying "I will never tell an Israeli not to smoke and if you don't understand the Israeli mentality, go back to where you came from!"
This is clearly a public building where smoking should be prohibited or at least limited to certain areas. Where are the "No Smoking" signs? Why can't the security guards or the police enforce the law? At the very least, courtesy should be shown to a member to the public who points this out.
DR. MENACHEM GROSS
Jerusalem.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR MURDER

Sir, - In Alon Shvut, this large but intimate community in which I live, it has now happened twice within the last 30 months. First Yitzhak Weinstein, now Efraim Unger and her husband - traveling on the road, shot at, and killed.
The Torah states, when someone dies in unnatural circumstances, in fact is killed, and his body discovered lifeless on the field, the leaders of the people come down from Jerusalem to the place where the body is found, to clear themselves of any trace of suspicion for even indirect responsibility for the murder - to proclaim to the world that as leaders have done all that is humanly possible to ensure that such tragedies do not happen.
The Babylonian Talmud describes the extraordinary lengths to which the leaders must go in order to clear themselves of even the hint of responsibility for what has occurred: To the point where they must clear themselves of the charge that they brought about economic conditions which forced the man to resort to robbery in order to feed himself, thus bringing about his own death at the hands of somebody else who was merely acting in self-defense.
The Jerusalem Talmud is rather more blunt: The leaders have to examine themselves to determine whether they have done everything in their power to ensure that potential killers are not free to roam about and kill people at will.
Though purportedly a man of wide erudition, Mr. Peres is perhaps not an avid student of the Talmud, Babylonian or Jerusalem. More's the pity that the family of the dead don't summon him to the graveside, with all the moral force at the command, to face the living, and the dead lying at his feet, to examine his own conscience, or at least give a public accounting of himself, his policies, his deeds.
So who gave them the guns, Mr. Peres? Can he honestly state: "My hands did not spill this blood?"
HANOCH ABELMAN
Alon Shvut.

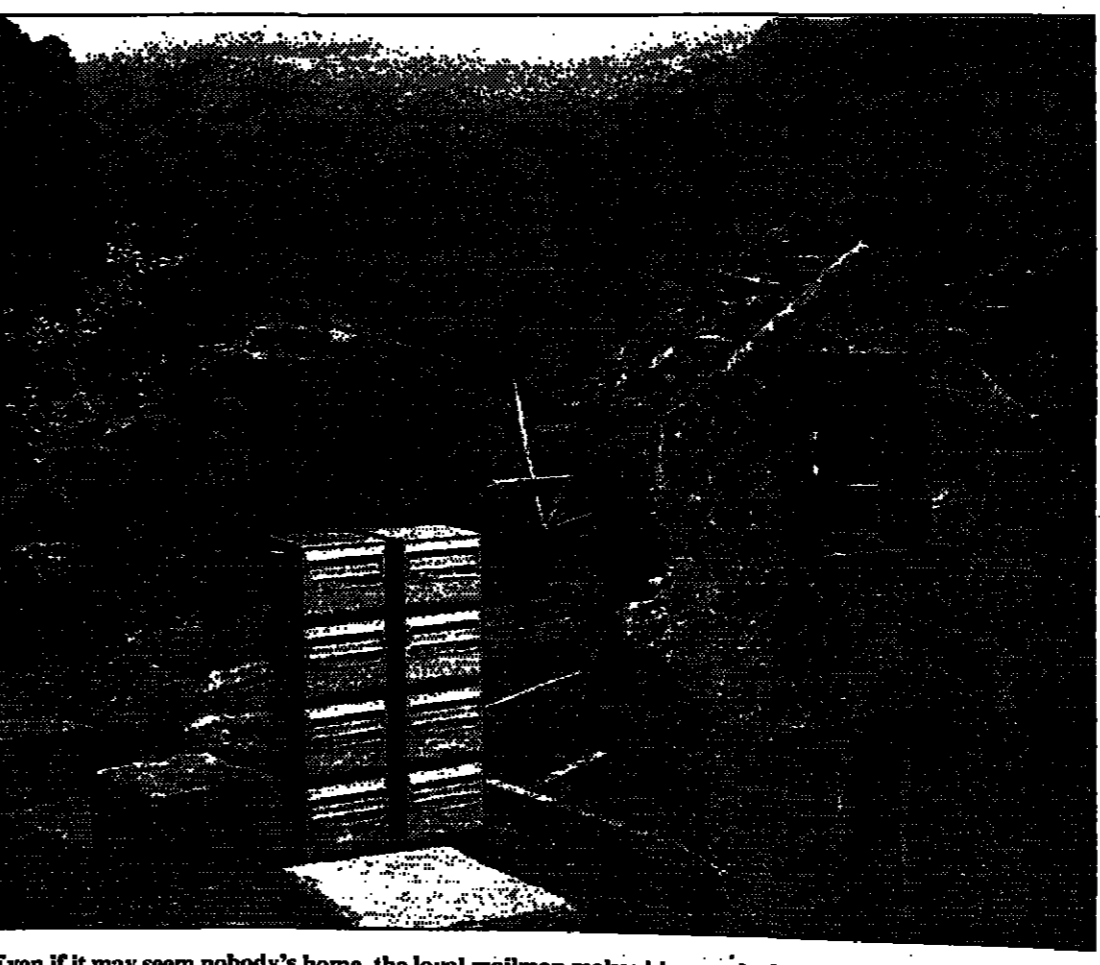
TRUE PEACE

Sir, - I am of the opinion that Mr. Arafat sincerely believes in a peaceful resolution to problems between Palestinians in their neighbors. However, it is important to remember Mr. Arafat does not represent the opinion of Palestinians in an overwhelming way.
It seems to me that successful peace negotiations can only take place when negotiators can reasonably insure their constituents will honor the process. At this juncture, I don't think these assurances can be made. Therefore, Mr. Netanyahu's victory (and his "cautious" approach to the peace process) seems the wisest decision by the Israeli electorate.
Until true-and-lasting peace is the overwhelming desire of both sides in the process, negotiating peace makes little sense. It is up to both Mr. Arafat and Mr. Netanyahu to convince their constituents that peace is viable first and then pursue it at the negotiating table.
J. ALEC WEST
Vancouver, Washington.

BRITISH ELECTIONS

Sir, - I would like to appeal to citizens of the United Kingdom who have been abroad less than 20 years and wish to exercise their right to a proxy vote in the next election in Britain.
Registration must be made before October to be on the electoral register for 1997. Interested readers to write to me at P.O.B. 3263, Tel Aviv. Their addresses will be sent to the British Labor Party, which will send them the Labor Party registration pack, explaining the registration process.
LESLIE RAYNE,
Chairman, British Committee,
Israel Labor Party
Tel Aviv.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



Even if it may seem nobody's home, the loyal mailman makes his rounds. Jerusalem photographer Anzi Rotem-Braun was driving on the Portuguese island of Madeira when she came across this "unexpected anomaly." (Anzi Rotem-Braun)

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Holocaust survivor challenges Christians Domestic violence rears its ugly head

ALEXANDER ZVIELI

JACK Eisner was 15 years old when he fought the Germans in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. He raised the white-and-blue flag on top of one of the houses in the Muranowska Square, the site of the fiercest struggle. He was lucky to be one of the few who survived.

Today Eisner is mobilizing more than 100 prominent scholars, theologians and historians, leading Christian academics as well as Holocaust survivors, for an international symposium entitled New Deal for the Jews, to be held in the US in the fall.

Among those who have expressed their intention to participate are Dr. Yitzhak Arad, Prof. Yehuda Bauer, Joel Carmichael, Dr. Eugene Fisher, Rabbi Alexander Schindler, and Prof. Zvi Kolitz.

While Eisner gratefully acknowledges the work of Pope John XXIII and the current Pope John Paul II in improving the Vatican's relations with Jews, Judaism and Israel, these, he said were "only the first steps." He is trying to establish a basis for a continuous effort by all Christian denominations to purge themselves, in everyday life, in educational systems and literature, in seminars and on the pulpit, of all that is anti-Jewish.

Eisner wants an organization to promote this effort, and believes that Holocaust survivors should openly and courageously lead his new movement.

When the war ended, Eisner went to the US where he founded a successful import-export business. It was, however, during his first visit to Israel - and a return to Poland - in 1960 that he had



Warsaw Ghetto fighter Jack Eisner meets Pope John Paul II.

found his true vocation. His deeply hidden and disturbing memories reawakened following a reunion with old comrades at Kibbutz Lohamei Hageta'ot and a visit to the ruins of his Warsaw Ghetto bunker. Eisner resolved to get rid of his survivor's guilt complex by telling his story. He wrote a best-seller, *The Survivor* (William Morrow, 1980, and Kensington Publishers, 1995). The play of the same name written by Susan Nanus, and the movie written by Academy Award-winner Abby Mann and directed by Moshe Mizrahi, were

based on his autobiography. During the '60s, Eisner challenged Hannah Arendt's description of Jews being led like sheep to the slaughter. Together with Vladka Meed - who, as a young girl, had smuggled arms and ammunition into the ghetto - and with the assistance of other former fighters he founded the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization. Through the years Eisner has organized numerous commemorations, founded lectures on the Holocaust at New York City Graduate Center and been highly

active in Jewish life. In 1982 he brought together a number of distinguished mental-health professionals for a symposium on how survivors should face their past and their children.

IN 1993, on the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, he commissioned a memorial for the children of Warsaw. Made in France, it is a wall of plexiglass rocks. In each rock is a face of a ghetto child. The memorial, set up at the entrance to Warsaw's Gesia Street Jewish cemetery, is dedicated to the "Unknown

Ghetto Child."

On the left side he wrote that his grandmothers Masha and Hanna had 31 grandchildren and that he alone survived. On the right side is a poem, "The Little Smuggler" by Henryk Lazower, who was killed by the Nazis when she was 19. Eisner, the only living member of the former Warsaw Synagogue Children's Choir, was himself a little smuggler when he brought food and medicine for his starving family in the ghetto.

Eisner also restored the monument of Janusz Korczak and his children at the same Gesia Street cemetery. The Mayor of Warsaw, Stanislaw Waganowski, Catholic Archbishop Henryk Muszynski, scores of other dignitaries and more than 2,000 Polish and Jewish children attended the ceremony.

And last year Eisner was one of the organizers of a Holocaust Memorial at the Vatican. Together with Gilbert Levine (who conducted the Royal Philharmonic), the actor Richard Dreyfuss (who read the Kaddish), and Rabbi James Rudin, he faced Pope John Paul II and an audience of 9,000 people.

Eisner, who today divides his time between New York and Caesarea, publicly blames Christianity for the evils that have beset the Jewish people.

Everywhere he goes he asks the same two questions: "How many of you know that Jesus was born and died a Jew?" Only 10 to 20 percent know the answer, he says.

But then he asks: "How many of you know that Judas was a Jew?" And when almost 100 percent raise their hands he tells them: "This is the problem! What is good and decent is never told to Christians..."

Domestic violence rears its ugly head

DEAR RUTHIE
RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie, I am a North American who recently slapped around his Israeli wife a bit. The reason: She never lets me finish a sentence. When I tried to reason with her, she justified her position by saying: "In Rome, do as the Romans do" - that is to say, it is accepted manners in Israel never to let a person finish a sentence.

"Listen to any interview on the radio or TV," she said. "Not even the leaders of the country are exempt. You have to adapt yourself to local customs."

Then I slapped her, telling her that in Israel wife-beating is also an accepted practice, with the press reporting that there are 200,000 battered wives here. When she began crying, I told her that Israeli habits were a two-way street.

She said if I ever slap her again, she will leave me. I told her if she ever interrupted me again, I would leave her. Do you have any solution?

Harried Husband
Somewhere in Israel

Dear Harried Married,

If you consider "interrupting a sentence" and "slapping a bit" to be on a par with one another - even as an analogy - you are in need of some serious help.

As rude and irritating a habit as it is, the Israeli "custom" of "never letting a person finish a sentence" is a case of bad manners.

Conversely, no matter how widespread domestic violence may be, it is not "customary." It is criminal, immoral, and derives from deep sickness. Your wife's threat to leave you the next time you assault her physically is not comparable to your own ultimatum about being granted courteous audience.

Perhaps it is finishing the marriage - and not a sentence - which is really behind the dangerous dynamic into which the two of you have entered. If so, you might as well acknowledge it, before you find yourself looking for further "legitimate" reasons for putting up your dukes.

If not, there is hope for the future. Through couple counseling, for example, even your sabra wife might be able to make the effort to adapt to your "genetic" North American ways.

Dear Ruthie, I am a divorced mother of an eight-year-old. My ex-husband has custody of our child every weekend. Every Saturday night, our child returns home completely out of whack. My ex has no idea how to calm our son or relax with him. So it's restaurants, films, sweets, and toys which fill these weekends.

This is not so surprising, as he was no different as a father when we were still married. But I cannot seem to get it into his thick skull that he is doing more harm than good, and that I am sick of having to be left restoring order during the rest of the week. How can I get him to listen?

Extinguisher of Fatherly Fires
Somewhere in Israel

Dear Fire Extinguisher, It is unlikely that you will ever "get" him to listen. People absorb only what they are ready to acknowledge, on the basis of their own realizations. Don't let this bother you too much though, since "getting" him to listen has no bearing on whether he will agree with your assessment.

What you can do is listen to yourself. Busy placing blame, you are wasting precious energy which could be utilized more effectively to help your child.

The way your ex-husband spends his weekends with your son at this point is a given. If no real abuse is involved, you should work at readjusting your response to your child's return from his father's custody. Perhaps you are so ensconced in the assumption that your weeks must be spent "restoring order" that you are losing sight of possible contributions on your part to your child's being "out of whack."

Maybe inadvertently you have been conveying a confusing message to him about his father - one which is serving to add fuel to the flames. So, rather than bracing yourself for these Saturday-night homecomings, try exhibiting a little more delight about the importance of the father-son bond as a whole, and a little less disapproval over the specific content of the visits. After all, chocolate stains are a lot easier to remove than parental schisms are to alleviate.

Letters should be addressed to: 'Dear Ruthie,' POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. For E-mail: editors@jpost.co.il

Killing Fields leader 'meets his own death'

TOM GROSS

POL Pot, regarded by many as the most evil, depraved murderer since Hitler, is almost certainly dead.

Intelligence sources in Phnom Penh - credited as being reliable by diplomats stationed there - confirmed rumors that the shadowy and obsessively secretive Khmer Rouge leader, who wiped out up to a quarter of the Cambodian population, died at the beginning of this month. He had "contracted malaria" in his mosquito-ridden jungle hideout near the Thai border.

The Maoist revolutionary, whose Cambodian "killing fields" claimed nearly two million lives, was 68. He had not been seen in public since 1978, when the Soviet-backed communist Vietnamese invaded Cambodia and put an end to a four-year reign of terror which had virtually returned the country to medieval times.

With Chinese backing, Pol Pot ousted the American-backed Lon Nol regime in 1975. Following his strident Maoist philosophy, he began to reshape Cambodia. His aim was to create an ethnically pure, self-reliant peasant society of "total communism" free from all foreign influence.

The result was to turn Cambodia into a huge, nightmarish agricultural labor camp. To bring about his Maoist utopia, it was necessary to first return the country to "Year Zero." Populations were driven out of the cities and the middle classes wiped out.

Those who used toothbrushes or wore glasses were regarded as "bourgeois elements" and led away for execution by Pol Pot's teenage soldiers.

The rest of the population was forced to eat insects and frogs they found in the fields. Punishment for eating fruit or rice - which were deemed to belong to the "general masses" - was immediate execution. The famines that



Pol Pot (left), one of the world's most horrific mass murderers, and the remains of some of his victims (right).



resulted were proportionally even worse than those Mao himself had inflicted on China.

Those left alive were subject to relentless and systematic indoctrination of the kind depicted in the 1984 Oscar-winning film *The Killing Fields*.

Supposed enemies were subjected to torture involving whips, chains and poisonous reptiles. Particular savagery was directed at the country's ethnic minorities.

While brutal beyond belief, the highly secretive Pol Pot - a former schoolteacher born Saloth Sar - was also credited even by his enemies as having a hypnotic charm.

Known in the Khmer Rouge as "Brother No. 1," he knew how to be mild-mannered and had a soft smile. Those who heard him were said to feel enlightened by his teaching, his explanations and his vision.

The Cambodian monarch, Norodom Sihanouk, who was held prisoner by the Khmer Rouge from 1976 to 1979, later told of a three-hour conversation he had had with the Khmer Rouge leader.

"I knew he was mad," he said. "But he talked so well, in such a spellbinding way, that I could not help listening to him without interruption."

On another occasion, the king said Pol Pot appeared as "a very gentle person, a lamb."

BORN INTO a middle-class family, Pol Pot learned his Maoism in the company of left-wing intellectuals in the cafes of Paris, where he studied radio electronics in the 1950s. He had previously studied at a Buddhist temple where for a short time he was a monk.

He drove his first wife mad in the 1980s and she now lives in a mental hospital in China. He has an eight-year-old daughter by his second wife, a peasant woman and militant Khmer Rouge fighter now in her thirties.

Pol Pot was unrepentant to the end. He even said he had not killed enough. "Our work is not complete. I was too trusting of others," he declared.

The Khmer Rouge itself lives on, its remaining 6,000 active

fighters still receiving Chinese support while the West turns a blind eye. Ironically, King Sihanouk's royalists also now cooperate with the Khmer Rouge, as a tool in their fight against the Vietnamese-backed communists.

Although the Khmer Rouge fighting force is much smaller than it was a few years ago, it is still capable of causing havoc beyond its base on the Thai-Cambodia frontier.

It is believed to be behind the killing of Haing Ngor, the 55-year-old doctor-turned-actor, who won an Oscar for his role in *The Killing Fields*, and was himself a survivor of torture by the Khmer Rouge. Ngor, a fierce critic of Pol Pot, was gunned down at his home in Los Angeles earlier this year.

Following Pol Pot's own teachings that total secrecy was necessary to confuse the enemy, the Khmer Rouge is unlikely to confirm its leader's death, and his

final demise may prove impossible to ever verify - though there have been eye-witness reports of his funeral taking place.

International experts investigating Pol Pot's crimes have recently said that previous estimates of the numbers he killed - either executed as enemies of his radical agrarian revolution or as a result of overwork, disease or starvation - were too low, and the true number who died under his rule is between 1.5 and two million out of a total Cambodian population of eight million.

The full story of the West's role in preventing him and his evil henchmen from being brought to justice is yet to be told. And although evidence of his crimes - in the form of photographs of mass graves and piles of skulls - is there for all to see, it seems that, like many leading Nazis, Pol Pot is another mass murderer who has evaded justice.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

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Meridor establishes group to monitor gov't spending

DAVID HARRIS

FINANCE Minister Dan Meridor, after meeting with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday, announced the creation of a permanent group to monitor the government's success in keeping to its budget.

"My intention is to bind us all to our budget goals," Meridor said. "We must not permit any significant deviation from this, unlike what occurred in the last budgetary year."

The make-up of the team has yet to be revealed, but officials say it will only comprise ministry staff and not external figures, such as Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel.

The group, which will hold its first meeting on Sunday, will review the state of the macroeconomy. On a monthly basis, the committee will examine total expenditure and income in relation to the budget deficit.

In addition to the Netanyahu, Finance Ministry Director General David Brodet, Frenkel, and the directors of the Budget and State Revenue Administration departments attended the meeting.

On several occasions this week, Meridor has stressed the need to reduce the deficit by reducing government expenditures and cutting the budget. Earlier this week, he told delegates to the

Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations that far from the Israeli government having 100 days grace, it does not even have seven.

During the meeting, Meridor said there is no need to talk about dramatic upheavals and changes, but just the need to put the economy back on the right track.

The Finance Ministry should be able to make the major adjustments in the next fiscal year, rather than delaying the process, he said. "I am optimistic about Israel's economic future if the necessary corrections are implemented."

Despite the increasing media speculation about possible measures that would reduce inflation and the balance of payments deficit, Finance Ministry officials are still denying any formal decisions have been taken. "He is constantly involved in discussions, but hasn't decided anything yet," one source said.

So far, ministry staff say there has been no significant change in the way the ministry operates, due in part to the fact that most of the staff that worked under Minister Avraham Shohat have stayed on.

"After all, only four people have left the ministry and that includes the minister himself," the source said.

Meridor pledges strong support for Bank of Israel

EVELYN GORDON

FINANCE Minister Dan Meridor expressed strong support for the independence of the Bank of Israel in his first speech to the Knesset yesterday.

Meridor was replying to six motions for the agenda on the central bank's decision to raise interest rates by 1.5%. Most of the speakers, including some from the coalition, attacked this decision, charging that it would lead to recession, increase unemployment, and hurt the weaker members of society.

"The raising of interest rates is within the sole jurisdiction of the Bank of Israel... and I say it's good that that's the way things are," Meridor responded. "There are many studies which show that the greater the independence of the central bank, the better [that country's] economic indicators look."

Not only is this division of powers sound economics, he added, but it is a fundamental part of the democratic system.

"The division of authority is part of democracy," he said. "I am happy that not all the authority rests in one place."

Meridor also rejected charges that Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel is overstepping his role by his membership in the government's new economic advisory council. By law, he said, the central

bank governor has two jobs: managing ordinary central bank functions such as monetary policy, and serving as the government's economic adviser. Frenkel's participation on the council is simply a means of fulfilling this second task, he said.

He dismissed fears that the rate increase would lead to recession. "It's clear that the only factor that can affect [the economy] is the real interest rate," he said. And given the current inflation rate, he continued, a nominal increase of 1.5% is a small increase in real terms.

Meridor noted that the increase was prompted by the high inflation rate, which, like the skyrocketing balance of payments deficit, is a sign of excess demand. Correcting this excess, he said, must be the government's first concern.

"The primary solution [to these problems] is a reduction in the public budget," he said. "When public consumption rises, this is reflected immediately in the balance of payments."

However, he said, the gap between the richest and poorest members of society has grown rapidly over the past few years, so the government must take steps to ensure that much needed economic reform does not hurt the poor.

"We must take care that those who are having trouble making it are not hurt," he said.

Meridor also leveled criticism at the previous government for measures such as the generous public-sector wage increases that swelled the budget. Since 1989, he said, Israel has enjoyed rapid and uninterrupted growth, due to factors such as the fall of the Soviet Union, the massive Russian immigration, and the peace process, coupled, during most of those years, with sound fiscal policy.

"It's a pity that during the last two years, there was some deviation [from sound fiscal principles]," he said.

Former finance minister Avraham Shohat (Labor), who submitted one of the motions for the agenda, was one of the few speakers who refrained from criticizing Frenkel's move, though he often clashed with Frenkel over interest-rate rises in the past. In contrast, however, Meridor was attacked by some of his own colleagues.

"The new finance minister is continuing in exactly the same path as the old government," charged Haim Dayan (Likud), saying that Meridor is concentrating on issues such as inflation and the balance of payments at the expense of the war on poverty.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Motorola gets China contract: Motorola's North Asia Cellular Infrastructure Division has been awarded a multi-million dollar contract to supply the first Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) in the Guizhou Province of China. GSM is a digital cellular standard that allows operators to combine equipment from a variety of suppliers, and gives subscribers the ability to use cellular phones in many countries. To date, Motorola has been awarded cellular system contracts in China covering more than 220 cities and more than one billion people.

Jennifer Friedlin

IBM, Point of Sale in joint venture: IBM and Point of Sale, a Herzliya-based retail software company, have signed a \$2 million deal to install computerized cash register systems in all Hamashbir Lazarchan retail outlets. The cooperation with IBM represents the first joint venture between the two companies. Established in 1982, Point of Sale develops and supplies systems for retailers around the world.

Jennifer Friedlin

Project to build chip-inspecting machine: Industries Development Corporation, a Kiriath Bialik-based developer of a multilayer ceramic capacitor register system, and Electro Scientific Industries, an Oregon-based maker of electronic products, have entered a 15-month, \$1 million program to define, develop and commercialize a stand-alone machine that can inspect the multilayer ceramic capacitors used in virtually all electronic goods.

Jennifer Friedlin

Vishay seeks to buy Kemet Electronics: Vishay Intertechnology Inc. has announced it is seeking to buy Kemet Electronics Corp. for an undisclosed sum. Vishay, a Pennsylvania-based company with four plants in Israel and plans to build a fifth, is the largest US maker of passive electronic components. Kemet, based in Simonsville, South Carolina, makes capacitors used in computers, automotive electronics and communication systems. Last week Vishay announced plans to fire about 1,300 workers or 7% of its workforce.

Bloomberg

Israel, Hungary to share export information: The Israel Foreign Trade Risks Insurance Company has signed an agreement with MEHIB, its Hungarian counterpart, to cooperate in information exchange, risk evaluation and examination of new export markets. As part of the pact, the companies will insure export transactions involving products manufactured in Israel and Hungary. In 1995, local trade and service exports totaled \$48 million, while Hungarian trade and service imports reached \$50m. Israeli corporate investment in Hungary totalled \$273m. at the end of 1995.

Galit Lipkis Beck

Shekel deposit offers 'contrary' interest: Israel Discount Bank is offering a new shekel deposit with a floating interest rate that changes in the opposite direction to the interest in the economy. As a result, savers will profit when the prime rate goes up and vice versa. For example, if the prime drops below its current rate of 18.5% to 16%, savers will earn 2.5% interest on their initial interest. The Inverse Floater plan is for a period of six months to a year.

Galit Lipkis Beck

Over half of Russian immigrants employed: Of the 546,000 new immigrants aged 15 and over that arrived in Israel since 1990, 265,000 were employed in the first quarter of the year, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics. Those unemployed and actively seeking work totaled 10% between January and March. Of those who came in 1995, 13% are actively seeking employment, while 9% of the immigrants who arrived in 1990 and 1991 are currently unemployed.

David Harris

Moroccan goods at 'Man and His World': Moroccan goods will for the first time be sold at the "Man and His World" fair which begins in Tel Aviv next week. The Maghreb state's stall will sell Judaica from North Africa, including Hanukkah candelabrum, decorative Torah jewelry and wineskins. A group of local businessmen brought the goods, having obtained Rabat's approval.

David Harris

Haifa industrial exodus hurts support industries: A survey by the Israel Manufacturers Association suggests business support services in the Haifa region are suffering as industries continue moving out of the area. Of the 70 companies questioned, 28% had moved north from Haifa over the past seven years. Those remaining buy 93% of their supplies in the city, while firms on the periphery purchase only 39% there. The association says this data must be taken into account as Haifa develops.

David Harris

Gordon Auction brings in \$1.22 million: The 39th Gordon Auction this week brought in a total of \$1.22 million, just a little short of a hoped-for \$1.35m. Top prices were \$104,000 for a Mordecai Ardon, and an amazing \$105,000 for a Nahum Gutman landscape - about double its lowest estimate, and an auction record for this artist. A Mokady landscape from 1924 did equally well at \$80,500. A Danziger bronze went for \$30,000, while a Zaritsky watercolor went well over its best estimate to reach \$31,000. Another auction record was set by a Lifschitz at \$34,000.

Meir Ronnen

US May durables orders soar on strong aircraft demand: Strong demand for new commercial aircraft sent total orders for manufactured durable goods soaring in May, the US Commerce Department reported Wednesday.

New orders for durable goods jumped 3.3 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted \$171.83 billion - much stronger than anticipated by Wall Street economists, who had forecast orders would rise 1.2 percent.

Reuter

Food manufacturers expect problems in competing with imports

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

LOCAL food sales are expected to grow 8.5 percent, to \$9 billion, but the sector is expected to experience difficulties because of growing competition from imports. Avraham Ben-Moshe, chairman of the Manufacturers Association's food division, said yesterday.

The association said it is worried that the sector's growing trade deficit, which amounts to about \$195m., will hinder the food industries' performance. The Association forecasts processed food exports to grow 7%, to \$655 million this year, while imports are expected to increase 12.5%, to \$850m.

Ben-Moshe said the import-export imbalance is a bad sign, which should prompt local manufacturers to take action. He said the government's seven-year pro-

gram to expose the economy to processed food imports from third-world countries is very harmful, explaining that the country is exposing itself to imports without receiving anything in return.

"I demand the process to expose the economy to imports will take into account levies imposed on the local sector," said Ben-Moshe.

The manufacturers emphasized the local food industry has recently started to attract investments from foreign companies who have joined up with local firms engaged in the field. About \$150m. was invested in such joint ventures during the past year. Recent agreements include Strauss's sale of 50% of its ice-cream division to Unilever, and Coca Cola establishing a joint company with Carlsberg.



Qazi Hussein Ahmed, chief of Pakistan's right-wing Jamaat-i-Islami Party, waves to supporters after the funeral for two party activists in Rawalpindi. The activists were shot in clashes with police during their attempt to reach the Prime Minister's Secretariat in the Pakistani capital, Islamabad, where they had hoped to hold a sit-in protest against a nationwide price-hike and official corruption in the country.

(Reuter)

Rockwell wants Israel's 'unique' engineers

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

ROCKWELL, the giant California-based high-tech conglomerate, yesterday announced plans to expand its semiconductor systems division - the company's fastest-growing segment - by establishing a design center in Herzliya.

Armando Geday, general manager of the division, said Rockwell chose Israel because of the "unique capabilities" of its engineers, and plans to hire more than 30 over the next year.

Zev Holtzman, chairman and CEO of Giza, the Israeli affiliate of Alex Brown & Sons, said Rockwell's decision reflects the benefits Israel offers

to high-tech companies, especially at a time when they're feeling the pinch.

"The semiconductor industry is currently under pressure in terms of lower share prices and [a drop] in orders," Holtzman said. "A lot of companies want to capitalize on the ability of Israeli engineers to improvise, handle research and design in a short time and yet be efficient and cost effective."

Rockwell also researches, manufactures and develops products for the automation, avionics, aerospace, defense electronics and automotive industries. It enjoys annual worldwide sales of \$13 billion.

Romania to award telephone licenses in rural areas

BUCHAREST (Reuter) - Romania has moved towards liberalizing its telecommunications, under a new bill which opens up its rural areas to private telephone operators, an official said yesterday.

A joint session of parliament's two chambers voted to allow (Romtelecom RA) telephone authority to liberalize services only in the rural areas, "lower Chamber of Deputies press officer Ovidiu Marian said.

The telecommunications bill, passed yesterday and due to be

promulgated next week by President Ion Iliescu, allows Romtelecom to hold tenders to award licenses for rural areas to private operators.

Romania, a country of 23 million people, has only 2.6 million telephone subscribers. Getting a telephone line installed can take years.

The Romanian Communications Ministry said last week it would call a tender for two national GSM mobile telephone licenses. GSM is a standard developed by the European Telecommunications Standards

Institute to unify European telephone systems.

Romania has an analogue technology mobile phone network covering eight cities, operated in partnership with Telefonica de Espana SA under a 10-year license. Many Central and Eastern European emerging countries use wireless communication to leapfrog old technology that would take time to update.

Virtually no rural area except for Bucharest's outskirts is connected to automatic telephone exchanges.

UBS cautious on Israeli bank shares

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

BANK Leumi's shares are more compelling than those of Bank Hapoalim, but investors should still be cautious about bank shares, the Union Bank of Switzerland (UBS), one of the world's most prominent banks, said in a recent report.

UBS' analysis of Leumi is based on its first quarter financial statement, which includes a one-off provision of NIS 114m. to cover a voluntary retirement plan which is expected to affect more than 200 employees.

"Owing to the potentially leaner operating structure arising from the early retirement program, we have increased our earnings per share estimates to NIS 0.5 and NIS 0.55

for 1996 and 1997, respectively (versus previous estimates of NIS 0.38 and NIS 0.4). This re-rates the Leumi shares significantly, such that the improved operating outlook is priced at a discount even to Bank Hapoalim. Naturally this changes our view on the shares from negative to positive," said UBS.

UBS said it remains cautious about the performance of bank shares in the short term because of the slowdown in economic growth and continued nervousness over the new government.

"As a result, we maintain our neutral stance of Bank Leumi and continue to rate the stock a hold," said the report.

Jordanian border open to trade

DAVID HARRIS

THE Jordanian-Israeli border was opened for commercial trade for the first time yesterday.

Several vehicles used the two

crossing points throughout the day.

"We have already had many requests to use the route," said Customs and VAT Authority spokeswoman Idit Lev-Zerachia. "Demand will grow every day."

Trucks of all sizes will have to pay a NIS 103 transfer fee at the Arava and Sheikh Hussein-Jordan River crossings. Imports and exports can be transferred between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. in the summer months and until 6 p.m. in winter.

The government said this is just the start of improved commercial ties between Jerusalem and Amman. The joint Foreign and Finance ministry document entitled "Development Options for Cooperation in the Middle East," calls for more cross-border bridges, facilities for transfer and warehousing of goods, and the creation of an integrated transport network including road rail and air.

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS						
Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (20.6.96)						
Currency (deposit term)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS			
U.S. dollar (250,000)	4.875	4.875	5.375			
Pound sterling (100,000)	4.000	4.000	4.250			
German mark (DM 200,000)	1.875	1.875	2.375			
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	1.000	1.000	1.500			
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—			
* Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit						
Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (26.6.96)						
Currency	BUY	SELL	BUY	SELL	Rep. Rates*	
U.S. dollar	3.2017	3.2534	3.14	3.50	3.5945	
German mark	2.0944	2.1232	2.05	2.18	2.1082	
French franc	0.6190	0.6290	0.60	0.64	0.6220	
Japanese yen (100)	2.2229	2.2731	2.27	3.02	2.5418	
Dutch guilder	1.8254	1.8286	1.83	1.98	1.8780	
Swiss franc	2.5427	2.5828	2.40	2.82	2.5982	
Swedish krona	0.4841	0.4820	0.47	0.50	0.5488	
Norwegian krona	0.4904	0.4894	0.48	0.51	0.5528	
Denish krona	0.5628	0.5625	0.53	0.57	0.5488	
Finnish mark	0.5888	0.7038	0.67	0.67	0.6888	
Canadian dollar	2.3521	2.3831	2.31	2.43	2.3931	
Australian dollar	2.5343	2.5792	2.48	2.62	2.5476	
S. African rand	0.7328	0.7477	1.00	1.25	0.9818	
Belgian franc (10)	1.0180	1.0246	0.98	0.75	0.7404	
Austrian schilling (10)	2.9780	3.0241	2.92	3.07	1.0222	
Italian lire (1000)	2.0084	2.1201	2.08	2.18	2.2818	
Jordanian dinar	—	—	—	—	—	
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.51	0.76	0.6288	
EU	3.9888	4.0984	—	—	3.9887	
Irish punt	0.3825	0.3713	0.48	0.54	0.5887	
Spanish peseta (100)	2.4801	2.5028	2.44	2.57	2.5048	
* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.						
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Key Representative Rates
US dollar ... NIS 3.2220 -0.36%
Sterling ... NIS 4.9628 -0.28%
Mark ... NIS 2.1052 -0.04%

NEW YORK STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes
DJ Industrials 8887.38 +0.17
DJ Total 10314.04 +0.17
NYSE Index 10314.04 +0.17

Other stock market indexes

NYSE 100 3068.5 -0.18
NASDAQ 100 2712.0 -0.18
NASDAQ 100 (over-the-counter)

Israeli stocks in NY
AMX 41.75 -0.78
Bank Leumi 11.25 -0.25
Bank Hapoalim 11.25 -0.25

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading
Two-sided trading
AFTERNOON
Name Price Change % Volume

TASE stocks fall for third day

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET



Two-Sided Index Maof Index

ISRAELI stock indexes fell for a third day as the shekel strengthened against the dollar, hurting exports companies' profits and presaging a worsening trade deficit.

The Maof Index of 25 issues fell 0.87% to 209.95, while the Mishanin Index of 100 issues fell 1.00% to 198.49.

The interest rate increase followed the publication of Israel's May consumer price index, which rose a higher-than-expected 1.7% from April.

The key is cutting the budget deficit, said Haker, Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel and Finance Minister Dan Meridor have met in Jerusalem to several times in recent days to discuss economic measures.

Declining Maof Index-listed shares included Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., which fell 2.25% as investors again began to doubt whether the company's multiple sclerosis treatment Copaxone will receive U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval.

They had been expecting such approval by the end of April and then, after an extension, by the end of June. The agency has not done so.

Teva's American Depository Receipts fell 1/2 to 39 1/2 in early trading in New York.

The Israeli currency strengthened after Monday's announcement that the Bank of Israel will raise the rate at which it lends to banks by 1.5%, to 17%.

The rate increase prompted investors to buy shekels for deposits. The shekel traded at 3.2220 against the dollar, compared to 3.2310 Tuesday and 3.2660 last Friday.

"The dollar in crashing," said Gad Haker, head of the international department at Tel Aviv investment firm Batucha Securities & Investments Ltd. A strengthening shekel damps exporters' profits, since they earn

in dollars but pay expenses in shekels, and "will make the trade deficit worse," Haker said.

Israel, with five million inhabitants, is expected to incur an \$11.5 billion trade deficit in 1996.

The interest rate increase followed the publication of Israel's May consumer price index, which rose a higher-than-expected 1.7% from April.

"They understand the risk of inflation picking up and will do something," said Haker. Nonetheless, share prices declined as "the market has been disappointed by too much talk and not enough doing."

Other declining Maof Index-listed shares included Koor Industries Ltd., which fell 1.75. Koor's ADRs were down 1/8 to 17 1/8 in early trading in New York.

Koor subsidiary Tadiran Ltd. closed unchanged.

Other falling shares on the Maof Index included Bezeq, which fell 0.5%.

Maof Index-listed banking shares were mixed. Bank Hapoalim closed unchanged, while Bank Leumi Le-Israel fell 1% and First International Bank fell 0.5%.

Chemical shares on the index fell, with Israel Chemicals Ltd. declining 0.5%; Makhteshim Chemical Works falling 1.25%, and Dead Sea Works falling 1.5%.

Real-estate and investment company Africa Israel, which rose 0.75%... (Bloomberg)

INFLATION MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)
Pound 1.5380 -0.014
D-mark 1.5380 -0.014
Sfranc 1.5380 -0.014

LIBOR RATES

3 months 3.25%
6 months 3.25%
12 months 3.25%

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INFLATION AND METALS

US commodities

Cocoa (lat) 1548 +0.20
Coffee (lat) 122.5 +0.20
Soybean (lat) 102.5 +0.20

London commodities

Cocoa (lat) 1548 +0.20
Coffee (lat) 122.5 +0.20
Soybean (lat) 102.5 +0.20

Spot market metals (US)

Gold spot 363.15 +0.10
Silver spot 5.11 +0.02

New York metal futures

Gold (lat) 363.15 +0.10
Silver (lat) 5.11 +0.02

INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

NEW YORK
Alcoa 49.25 -0.50
Ampco 10.25 -0.25
Amstar 10.25 -0.25
Boji 10.25 -0.25

EUROBOURSES CLOSE MIXED

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - The dollar closed firmer against the yen in Europe yesterday on Japanese buying and after news of a bigger-than-expected rise in US durable goods orders.

But European bourses ended mixed, with London stronger, Frankfurt flat and Paris down after a lower opening for Dow industrials on Wall Street.

Traders said the dollar was buoyed by demand from Japanese investors searching for higher yields and by a bout of yen weakness caused by oil price concerns stemming from a bomb attack at a military complex in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday. Oil-dependent Japan is sensitive to energy price fluctuations.

The Saudi bombing pushed the oil price up around 20 cents a barrel overnight but it eased off in European trade.

Traders said the yen was sold against the dollar, the mark, sterling and the Australian dollar. But the dollar was unable to progress above the psychologically important 110 yen threshold.

"The market is well supported but the 110 level hangs over the market," said Brian Martin, chief economist for BZW here. "The ranges are still tight but the dollar looks better against the yen than against the mark."

Washington said that strong demand for new commercial aircraft sent total orders for manufactured durable goods soaring 3.3 percent in May to a seasonally adjusted \$171.83 billion - much stronger than anticipated by Wall Street economists, who had forecast orders would rise 1.2%.

Broadly speaking the forex scene was quiet ahead of today's meeting of the Group of Seven (G7) leading industrial nations in Lyon, France, and a meeting of the rate-setting German Bundesbank council, also today.

Data released yesterday showing inflation in west Germany had slowed to its lowest level since August 1988 was not expected to provoke a long-awaited cut in Germany's main money market repo rate, analysts said. Most questioned in a Reuters poll said they expected the Bundesbank to wait for more details on growth in M3 money supply.

British blue-chip stocks, which on Tuesday fell to a three-month low as they chafed up their sixth straight loss, bounced back at the end of the session and ended 16 points up at their high for the day.

German stocks, which climbed to record highs on Tuesday, closed lower trading flat in this activity, uninspired by the west German inflation figures.

Dow falls sharply

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue-chip stocks fell sharply yesterday as a sell-off in technology stocks intensified amid growing fears about earnings for the second quarter.

Based on early and unofficial New York Stock Exchange data, the Dow Jones industrial average ended 36.57 points lower at 5,682.70. In the broader market, declining issues led advances about earnings for the second quarter.

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Germany, Czech Republic win on penalties

Seles ousted in 2nd round

LONDON - A missed penalty by England's Gareth Southgate was the difference between England and Germany in last night's European Champion semifinal game at Wembley.

The teams played through 120 minutes ending in a 1-1 draw before a nail-biting penalty shootout settled the matter in favor of the Germans, 6-5.

Germany now plays the Czech Republic in Sunday's final. The Czechs beat France 6-5 on penalties following a 0-0 scoreline after extra time.

Alan Shearer gave England a dream start against a weakened German team in their European championship semifinal when he opened the scoring after just three minutes.

Shearer netted his fifth goal of the tournament after defender Tony Adams flicked on a Paul Gascoigne corner, leaving the Blackburn striker with the easy task of heading the ball in from close range.

The corner was awarded after Paul Ince had fired in a vicious volley from 30 meters which German goalkeeper Andreas Koeckle fisted over the bar.

The England players showed no sign of being overawed in a game widely billed at home as the most important for the national side since England won the 1966 World Cup in the same stadium by beating West Germany 4-2.

Germany, deprived through injury of top scorer Jurgen Klinsmann and fellow striker Fredi Bobic, began with Stefan Kuntz alone up front supported by midfielder Mehmet Scholl.

The Germans refused to buckle and equalized in the 16th minute when Kuntz outstripped Stuart Pearce in the area to fire home a curling cross from defender Thomas Helmer.

It was the Germans' first chance of a match which looked like turning into one of the classics of the tournament. The winners meet the Czech Republic in Sunday's final.

England changed its defensive formation, welcoming back Paul Ince after suspension and playing just three defenders as opposed to the four who appeared in the quarter-final win against Spain.

The match was given added spice by the fact that four England players were survivors of the side



NO QUARTER GIVEN - Germany's Dieter Eilts fights for the ball with England's Teddy Sheringham during their Euro 96 semifinal yesterday.

which lost a 1990 World Cup semifinal against West Germany on penalties. Just one of the German side also appeared in that game. The Germans continued to look curiously hesitant in the air and England almost scored again from another corner in the 31st minute when Stefan Reuter had to kick a shot from Teddy Sheringham off the goal-line.

Six minutes earlier Shearer had had another fine chance to consolidate his position as the tournament's top scorer but headed high over the bar after Darren Anderton, enjoying plenty of space on the right wing, fired in a superb cross.

England spent most of the opening 45 minutes in the Germans' half but defender Tony Adams

had to make a crucial tackle on the halfway line in the 25th minute to prevent Andreas Moeller from breaking for goal.

Hungarian referee Sandor Puhl, who had kept his cards in his pocket in the first half, began the second in much stricter mood.

Within seconds of the restart he had booked defender Stefan Reuter for a relatively innocuous foul on Steve McManaman which will rule him out if the Germans reach the final.

Germany pushed more men forward and Moeller should have done much better in the 53rd minute when he ran half the length of the pitch only to push his final pass straight to Adams rather than a team mate.

Ince tried his hand at sharp-

shooting again in the 55th minute after benefiting from an untimely, but he put his 25-meter shot over the bar.

Helmer also shot over the top from much closer in the 59th minute after good work by Dieter Eilts on the left wing.

Helmer did superbly well to rob Gascoigne of the ball in the 70th minute after the midfielder had burst into the area but the German paid the price for his brave tackle, leaving the pitch on a stretcher for lengthy treatment.

Puhl then booked Gascoigne for a bad foul on Kuntz before the Germans pulled off the anonymous Mehmet Scholl and sent on Thomas Haessler, who also played for Germany in the 1990 World Cup semifinal.

Moeller became the next German to collect a second yellow card when he was booked in the 79th minute for kicking out at Pearce after being fouled.

Neither side was sharp enough up front to break the deadlock and the game went into extra time.

Czech Republic 0, France 0 (Czech Republic 6-5 on penalties)

The Czech Republic continued its dream run in the European Championship right into Sunday's final, beating France in a penalty shootout at Wembley after keeping the favorites to a 0-0 draw.

The Czechs, rank outsiders ahead of Euro 96, were perfect in the 6-5 shootout and clinched the match when Petr Kouba stopped the penalty from French substitute Reynald Pedros.

"I'm surprised and happy and

proud," said Czech coach Dusan Uhrin. The Czechs, short of four suspended key players, were seemingly counting on the shootout and played conservatively all through the match to frustrate a French team that was at least trying to score.

"We didn't want to concede the first goal. That was our aim," said Uhrin.

And the French lacked individual brilliance to force a breakthrough, even though Yossi Djorkaeff came close with a shot on the bar in the 62nd minute.

"We just exhausted all our ideas," said French coach Aimé Jacquet. "We lacked some freshness." An unbeaten run of 27 games came to an end at the worst moment, against an underdog and with the final beckoning.

"We didn't want to open the game," said sweeper Miroslav Kadlec, who took the decisive penalty. The team could not decide who to send up for the sixth penalty and veteran Kadlec took the fateful step forward. "I went because I didn't want the team to argue," he said, after taking his first penalty in half a decade. "It's a fantastic feeling."

During extra time, when fatigue unraveled teamwork, individual efforts from Patrik Berger and Karel Poborsky came closest to scoring the first sudden-death Golden Goal in a major tournament, but it would have been more than the team deserved at this stage.

Djorkaeff appealed for a penalty in the 114th minute, when his shot appeared to strike the hand of defender Karel Rada.

The Czechs already provided two major upsets by kicking Italy and Portugal out of Euro 96. Now they bring back memories of four years ago, when underdog Denmark staged upset after upset to win against all the odds in Sweden.

In front of 43,877 fans, the two teams never let up on their defense and long provided a leibnizic spectacle at Old Trafford, where huge patches of red, empty seats stood out for the semifinal.

Djorkaeff broke the tiresome monotony after the hour mark, when the playmaker caught a pass from Vincent Guerin on the left, moved inside, but saw his 17-meter drive crash onto the bar.

One minute later, Djorkaeff went airborne to volley a cross but the daring effort from 12 meters just went over.

The flurry of chances forced Uhrin to bring in Martin Komlek, an additional defender at the cost of the lone striker Radek Drulak.

The Czechs came into the match as underdogs and let it be known, massively reinforcing in defense and leaving all initiative to the French. But at the same time, they stayed poised for the counter.

(Reuters, AP)

WIMBLEDON (AP) - Monica Seles' return to Wimbledon after a four-year absence was cut short yesterday's when she was beaten in the second round.

The second-seeded Seles was upset by Slovakia's Katarina Studenikova, 7-5, 5-7, 6-4.

Seles, back at Wimbledon for the first time since losing the 1992 final to Steffi Graf, made a slew of uncharacteristic unforced errors off both wings.

Seles displayed her usual resolve in fighting back to win the second set but couldn't overcome the steady play and big forehand of Studenikova, ranked 59th in the world.

It was the earliest defeat for Seles in any of her 18 Grand Slams.

Boris Becker avoided the rash of upsets, rallying from a set and a break down to beat Thomas Carbonell in four sets.

The second-seeded German struggled in the early going but reasserted his grass-court dominance to win 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 on Centre Court and reach the third round.

The latest men's upset victim was No. 9 Thomas Enqvist, ousted in the second round by Mali'Vai Washington.

The 20th-ranked American, playing some of his best grass-court tennis, beat Enqvist 6-4, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 to reach the third round for the first time in seven appearances at Wimbledon.

Enqvist's elimination means only four of top 10 seeds remain. Wimbledon also lost two other women's seeds yesterday: No. 14 Amanda Coetzer of South Africa and No. 15 Irina Spilrea of Romania.

Meredith McGrath of the US ousted Coetzer 7-6 (7-4), 2-6, 6-3, while Argentina's Ines Gorrochategui was a 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 winner over Spilrea.

Two US men joined Washington in the third round, both at the expense of fellow Americans.

Todd Martin, the 13th seed, beat Jim Grabb in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5). And Doug Flach, the 28th-ranked qualifier who stunned Agassi in the first round, continued his run with a 2-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 win over Jared Palmer.

Michael Stich, the 10th seed and 1991 champion, downed Sjeng Schalken 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 and Wayne Ferreira, seeded No. 11, swept Andrea Gaudenzi 7-5, 7-5, 6-4.

In other women's play, fourth-seeded Arantxa Sanchez Vicario advanced to the third round with a 7-5, 6-3 win over Miriam Oremans.

Fifth-seeded Anke Huber routed Pam Shriver 6-2, 6-1 in 48 minutes on Centre Court.

Ninth-seeded Mary Joe Fernandez moved into the third round with a 6-4, 6-4 triumph over France's Sandrine Testud. Brenda Schultz-McCarthy, the 11th seed, won 6-3, 6-0 over Jolene Watanabe.

Indians beat Red Sox for the 14th straight time

BOSTON (AP) - The Cleveland Indians beat Boston for the 14th consecutive time Tuesday night, getting seven scoreless innings from Orel Hershiser to defeat the Red Sox 4-0.

Hershiser (8-4) struck out two and walked one, and Paul Shuey completed the shutout to snap the Indians' four-game losing streak. Hershiser is 4-0 with a 0.66 ERA in his last four starts.

Tom Gordon (5-4) matched him through 5 1/2 innings before Eddie Murray and Manny Ramirez hit consecutive homers. The Indians added one in the seventh when

Kenny Lofton singled, stole second and scored on Omar Vizquel's single. Jim Thome's solo shot in the eighth made it 4-0.

Boston has lost all 11 meetings with the Indians this year, with the final game between the two teams scheduled last night. Cleveland also swept the Red Sox in three games in the first round of last year's AL playoffs.

Twins 6, Yankees 1 (1st)
Yankees 6, Twins 2 (2nd)

The visiting Yankees, held to one run in the previous two games, got three hits and three RBIs from Bernie Williams to salvage a doubleheader

split.

Frank Rodriguez and three relievers limited the Yankees to five hits in the Twins' victory in the opener.

Williams, who homered for New York's only run in the first game, went 3-for-5 with another homer in Game 2. His run-scoring double gave the Yankees a 4-2 lead in the fifth.

The second-game win ended a two-game losing streak for New York, which entered the series in Minnesota having swept four games at Cleveland.

Rangers 5, Orioles 2

Ivan Rodriguez hit two homers, leading Kevin Gross and the host Rangers to victory.

Brady Anderson hit his 26th homer,

most in the major leagues, for the Orioles. But Baltimore lost for the ninth time in 12 games against Texas this season.

Gross (8-5) pitched 8 1/2 innings, allowing seven hits and one walk

AMERICAN LEAGUE				NATIONAL LEAGUE			
East Division				West Division			
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	44	30	.595	Atlanta	48	27	.640
Baltimore	40	33	.548	Montreal	45	31	.592
Toronto	34	41	.453	Florida	35	49	.414
Boston	30	44	.406	New York	35	41	.461
Detroit	22	55	.286	Philadelphia	31	44	.413
Central Division				West Division			
Cleveland	47	28	.627	Houston	35	39	.500
Chicago	44	32	.579	St. Louis	37	38	.493
Minnesota	37	37	.500	Chicago	36	40	.474
Kansas City	36	39	.480	Cincinnati	33	38	.465
Los Angeles	48	28	.630	Pittsburgh	28	41	.403
Seattle	38	34	.524	San Diego	41	36	.532
California	48	27	.639	Colorado	37	37	.500
Oakland	35	42	.455	San Francisco	36	38	.486

TUESDAY'S AL RESULTS:

Detroit 10, Oakland 8
Minnesota 6, New York 1 (1st)
Cleveland 4, Boston 0
Toronto 8, Seattle 7
Chicago 3, California 2
Milwaukee 5, Kansas City 3
Texas 5, Baltimore 2

TUESDAY'S NL RESULTS:

Cincinnati 9, Philadelphia 1 (1st)
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Florida 5, San Francisco 4 (10)
Montreal 8, Pittsburgh 2
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Sussex trounces Irish by 304 runs

English county side Sussex trounced Ireland by 304 runs in their one-day NatWest Trophy first round match in Belfast yesterday.

Sussex's strike for the loss of five wickets, was their highest ever in the competition.

In reply, Ireland managed just 80 all out from 33.3 overs.

Kyle McClellan top scored for the home side with 17 while Paul Jarvis and Ed Grindins took three wickets each for the visitors.

Reuter

Howe acquitted, released

Former New York Yankees reliever Steve Howe, whose past legal problems stemmed from his cocaine addiction, was released on his own recognizance Tuesday after his arraignment on a weapons charge.

Howe, 39, is due back in court July 8 for a hearing on the third-degree criminal possession of a weapon count, said Dawn Calotta, spokeswoman for Queens district attorney Richard Brown.

Howe's lawyer, Dick Moses, said that the left-hander had a declaration from the gun and that it belonged to his wife, Cindy.

AP

Interleague play to start next June

That old debate about whether to merge the American League and National League will move to the front burner next June.

According to a draft schedule unveiled by the Associated Press, the New York Mets will play their first interleague game at Yankee Stadium starting June 16. That game will be against the Chicago Cubs with a three-game series against the White Sox at Comiskey Park.

A third regular season interleague series will be created by interleague play - this one a two-game series between the California Angels and Los Angeles Dodgers that will debut that night at Dodger Stadium.

AP

Stenbrenner ready to leave Bronx

Yankees owner George Stenbrenner is giving signals that he expects to move his professional baseball team from the Bronx to Washington.

Referring to a continuing debate about the move debate, Stenbrenner told The New York Times that the Bronx has not been a good spot for the team since 1962 and that it seems to point that way. The report says Stenbrenner is ready to get out.

AP

Lewis left off US relay team

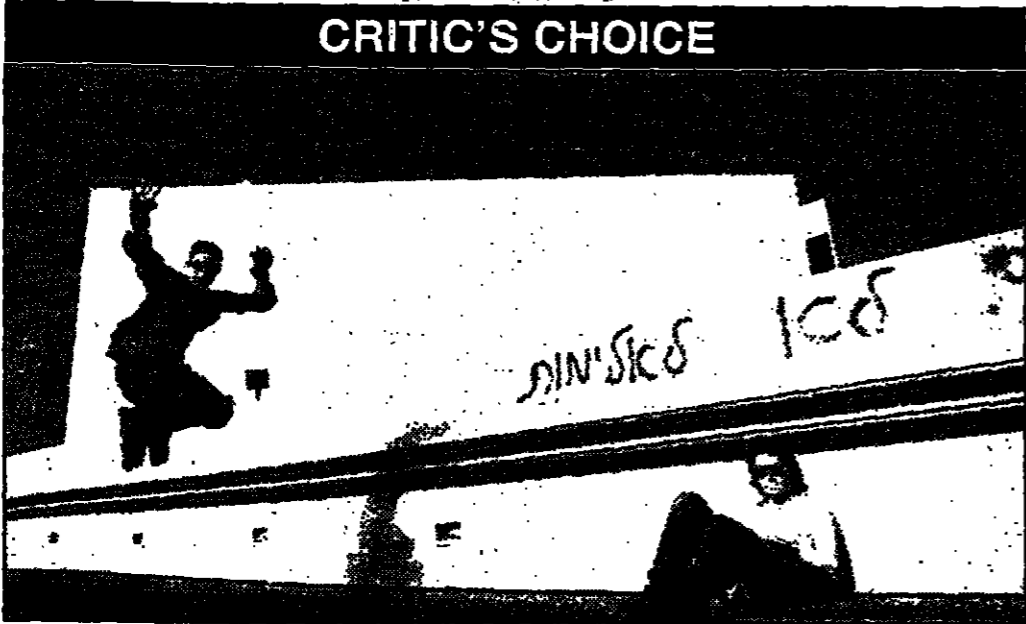
Eight-time Olympic champion Carl Lewis will compete in his last Games in only the long jump unless US coaches change their set of relay team selections, which was said on Tuesday.

The heels in their shoes, Joe Douglas said in a telephone interview after US Olympic men's head coach Erv Hunt picked Lewis as alternate for the 4x100 meter relay team of Dennis Mitchell, Michael Marsh, Joe Drummond and Leroy Burrel.

"If they ask him to run in the 100, he'll do it," Douglas said.

Reuter

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This photograph by Tamir Sher is one of 40 images on display at 'Israel Youth 1996' at Tel Aviv's public library, Beit Ariela.

EXHIBITION
HELEN KAYE

OUR MTV generation? Sure, but they're also the youth who still light candles and weep at the site where Yitzhak Rabin was gunned down November 4.

The 40 pictures of *Israel Youth 1996* show our kids as they are today and were chosen from among 400 entries submitted by professional and amateur photographers from around the country. Six photographers shared NIS 18,000 in prize money with Tamir Sher and Natalie Ptk dividing the NIS 10,000 first prize. Tel Aviv's public library, Beit Ariela, sponsored the contest and the exhibition opens tomorrow at 9 p.m. with the prize-giving and jazz till midnight.

ENTERTAINMENT
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RAMBETIKO is Greek for the underworld - not the Hades of Greek mythology, but for the outsiders of Greek society, from petty criminals to civil-war resistance fighters. *Rambetiko Nights* presents singers Babis Tsertos and Nadia Karagianni, bouzouki player/mandolinist Agathon Iakovidis and his combo, and other top performers from Greece who'll sing and play haunting ballads that are popular all over Greece. Tsertos and Karagianni tonight at Hangar No. 11 in the old Tel Aviv Port at 9:30 p.m. and tomorrow at the Achziv National Park at 10 p.m. Iakovidis and singers Maria Loulaki and Kostas

Vouliaris on the football field at Shlomi tonight at 9, and tomorrow in Hangar 11 at 10 p.m.

CLASSICAL MUSIC
MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

WHO'S afraid of Richard Strauss? The composer who was banned from local concert stages for many decades and has returned to the local repertoire only in recent years is the focus of a special symposium at the Tel Aviv Museum tomorrow (2 p.m.) and Saturday (9 p.m.). At the same locale you can enjoy a concert devoted to the music of Strauss including his piano quartet, serenade and sonatina for wind instruments and selected songs performed by local musicians with German soprano Annette Stricker.

The second Jerusalem Chamber Music Encounters, initiated and organized by Isaac Sierra, come to an end on Saturday (8:30 p.m.) at the Jerusalem Music Center. The marathon concert includes eight ensembles of young musicians from all over the world who have been studying chamber music in Jerusalem for the last two weeks. Each ensemble will perform one complete work.

BALLET
MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

ENGLAND'S Royal Ballet moves for two nights to the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center presenting a triple bill featuring Frederick Ashton's *The Dream*, danced to music by Mendelssohn, *Rhapsody*, to music by Rachmaninoff, and Ashley Page's *Fearful Symmetries*, danced to music by John Adams. Tonight (8:30) and tomorrow (10).



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Still taking a drink with the doctor in charge (7)
 - The average well-practiced story (7)
 - No expert acquires rug in a French backstreet (7)
 - Pole in a new make-up that's iridescent (7)
 - Fury consumed the moderate (5)
 - Close fast (5)
 - Place of entertainment for underworld organization (5)
 - The person checking prices, not forms (9)
 - A coach requiring attention (9)
 - Just about fifty will show natural aptitude (5)
 - Only a fluctuating supply (3,2)
 - Joke about the navy Ireland's laying up (9)
 - The performer, having some heart, is tender (7)
 - Sphere of vision (7)
 - Walks over a member of the family (7)
 - Not a day perhaps for the beach in Florida (7)
- DOWN**
- A reversible cushion Edward changed around (7)
 - Scholar finding sums are awful (7)
 - Trains the first lady-note maker (5)
 - Blooming motoring people! (9)
 - Quiet dress, but sound (5)
 - Boast free properly cooked food (5,4)
 - Woman getting cross over Tony leader (7)
 - A choosy individual who'll make his mark (7)
 - They will have to stop playing (9)
 - He spared a replacement for men at the front (9)
 - The capital of Canada (7)
 - Delayed accepting further baby-clothes (7)
 - For the players full of life (7)
 - Royal symbols in Algeria, maybe (7)
 - Environmentalist signal to proceed (5)
 - Always start yelling, that's all (5)

SOLUTIONS

Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS

- Collaps
- Abroad
- Proverb
- Ahah
- Requiem
- Patience
- Down
- Chump
- Let down
- 3 Eric
- Nearby
- Burgundy
- Abash
- Entente
- Scandal
- Lection
- Upright
- Brannon
- Nylon
- 28 Grant
- 21 Story

DOWN

- 1 Skipper (7)
- 2 Awake (5)
- 3 Smash (7)
- 4 Essay (6)
- 5 Fertile spots (5)
- 6 Patched (7)
- 7 Upright (5)
- 8 Require (4)
- 9 Age (4)
- 10 Stomping (7)
- 11 Astonish (7)
- 12 Aberrate (7)
- 13 Chain (6)
- 14 Golf course (5)
- 15 Proligious (5)
- 16 Foreign (5)

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Removes centre (5)
- Bothers (7)
- Feathers (7)
- Twenty (5)
- Watchful (5)
- Witchcraft (7)
- Rest (4)
- Sort (6)
- Spring festival (6)
- Chances (4)
- Pasta dish (7)
- Path (5)
- Din (5)
- Vikuperative (7)
- Seen (7)
- Thick-set (5)

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TELEVISION

CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 No Rainbow in the Clouds 8:30 Learning to Read 8:45 Social Studies 9:10 Why is there...? 9:25 Programs for children 10:00 Family Relations 10:30 The Arts 10:55 English 11:20 Literature 11:50 Science 12:05 English 12:25 Science 12:40 Nature 12:55 Mathematics in Everyday Life 13:10 Defining Life 13:30 Scary tales 13:40 Our Friends 13:45 Kitty Cat and Tommy 14:00 Shatlat Quack 14:25 Mrs Poppercorn 14:35 Kippur 14:50 Gays, Gal and Gil 15:00 Surprise Train

CHANNEL 1

15:31 Denver, the Last Dinosaur 15:50 In Danny's Room 18:00 Heartbreak High 18:45 Zap to Dovele 18:59 A New Evening 17:34 Zap to Culture 18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Current Affairs 19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS

19:31 All Beginnings are Difficult 20:00 Maot News 20:45 The People's Choice - election documentary 21:40 Culture Magazine 22:40 Centennial Gold Atlanta 1996 - history of the Olympic Games 23:30 News 00:00 European Cup Soccer Championship 00:20 Verse of the Day

CHANNEL 2

13:00 From the Concert Hall 13:30 Basic Arabic 14:00 The Intrepids 14:30 Tick Tack 16:00 Cippop - video clips 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshaf 17:30 Zehu Zeh 18:00 Santa Barbara 18:00 Baywatch 20:00 News 20:30 Money Magazine 20:50 Candid Camera 21:40 Dan Shilon Live 23:15 Family Towers 00:00 News 00:05 Ticket for Two 00:30 Dori on Air 1:00 From the Concert Hall 1:30 The Night 2:30 On the Edge of the Shelf

JORDAN TV

15:00 Double Dragon 15:30 NBA Basketball 16:30 Pirates 17:01 French programs 19:30 News Headlines

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19:35 Carol and Company 20:00 Barata 21:10 Star Trek 22:00 News in English 22:25 Crystal Heart (1987) - a sick young man develops a relationship with a rock singer. (102 mins.)

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14:00 700 Club 14:55 The Tiger and the Flame - a beautiful heroine fights to defend her country's freedom (87 mins.) 16:05 Urban Peasants 16:30 Desires The Menace 16:55 Mask 17:20 Happiness 17:45 Front Runners 18:40 A-Team 19:30 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:00 CNN 20:30 Evening Shade 20:55 Jake and the Fatman 21:45 Law and Order 22:35 The 700 Club 23:05 Larry King 00:00 TV Shop 2:00 Quantum Shopping 3:00 TV Shop

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TV 3 (33)

16:00 News 16:15 Arts magazine 17:15 On the Side of Justice 18:00 NSA 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Today - News in Russian 20:00 Maot News 20:45 Television 21:15 Kavanagh - courtroom series 22:45 International Crime - documentary series 23:15 Inside Stuff 00:00 Closedown

ETV 2 (23)

15:30 The Lith Summer - inter-generational friendship 16:00 Home Field 16:30 Confess (1993) - a priest confesses the confession a murderer, but refuses to break the seal of the confession. With Montgomery Clift, Anne Baxter and Karl Malden. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock (90 mins.) 00:25 The Eagle (1925) - A Russian nobleman becomes an outlaw to avenge his father's death. With Rudolph Valentino. Directed by Clarence Brown (79 mins.)

FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Falcon Crest (pt) 9:00 One Life to Live (pt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (pt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (pt) 11:20 Perla Negra (pt) 12:10 Neighbors (pt) 12:35 Dallas (pt) 13:30 Starting at 130 14:05 21 Jump Street 14:55 Falcon Crest 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Des Plaines One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 18:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Perla Negra 20:50 New York News 21:40 North (1994) - A gifted child seeks a divorce from his parents. With Elijah Wood and Bruce Willis. Directed by Rob Reiner (87 mins.) 23:15 The Godfather Part 2: 23:45 Mafiosi Place. 00:35 Babylon 5 1:20 Hunter 2:10 Return to Eden 3:05 Robin's Club 3:50 Paris - action series

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 The Water Engine (1992) - with Joe Mantegna and Patti Lupone (pt) 12:00 Prehistoric Women (1967) - a lost civilization (pt) 13:30 What's New at the Movies 13:35 The Wonder Years 14:00 The 'n' Crowd (1988) - teen stars of TV dance shows (pt) 15:15 1812 Omen 16:00 The Untouchables (1958, French) (pt) 16:20 Casablanca Express (1959) (pt) 17:55 Switching Partners (1992) - a child of divorce goes to court to be adopted (88 mins.) 19:30 Lethal Exposure (1992) - a journalist and cop join forces. With Al Pacino, (85 mins.) 20:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 14:30 The Black Stallion 15:00 Lost in Space 16:00 Home and Away 16:30 Entertainment Tonight 17:00 M*A*S*H 17:30 21 Jump Street 18:30 The X-Files 19:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 20:00 Santa

23:10 Blind Man's Bull - a sightless ex-professor becomes a murder suspect (83 mins.) 00:35 Creepozoids (1987) - sci-fi thriller (68 mins.) 1:50 American Heart (1993) - an ex-convict and his son (pt) 3:45 Little Fauss and Big Halsey (1977) - Two bikers, one goodnatured and the other egotistic, set off together to ride all over America. With Robert Redford and Michael J. Pollard. Directed by Sidney J. Furie (94 mins.) 5:30 The Other Side of Love (1991) - Cheryl Ladd is wrongly imprisoned (pt)

CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 8:05 Draculito Mon Seigneur (pt) 8:30 Blinky Bill (pt) 8:55 Alice in Wonderland (pt) 9:25 Nils Holgerson (pt) 10:05 Weirid Love (pt) 10:35 California Dreams (pt) 11:05 Saved by the Bell (pt) 11:30 Beakman's World (pt) 12:00 Hard Times on Planet Earth (pt) 12:45 Alvin and the Chipmunks 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:35 Professor Ins 14:00 Robinson Crusoe 14:35 Alice in Wonderland 15:05 Nils Holgerson 15:35 Step by Step 16:05 Sweet Valley High 16:25 Saved by the Bell 17:05 Little University - Who Knows Sex? 17:30 The Flying Classroom's Farewell Party (pt) 18:15 Alvin and the Chipmunks 18:35 Draculito Mon Seigneur (pt) 19:00 Blinky Bill (pt) 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Roseanne 20:50 The Ren and Stimpy Show 21:05 Big Brother Jake 21:15 Drop the Dead Donkey

SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Scenes from a Marriage - part 6 22:55 Confess (1993) - a priest confesses the confession a murderer, but refuses to break the seal of the confession. With Montgomery Clift, Anne Baxter and Karl Malden. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock (90 mins.) 00:25 The Eagle (1925) - A Russian nobleman becomes an outlaw to avenge his father's death. With Rudolph Valentino. Directed by Clarence Brown (79 mins.)

DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University 12:00 A Whale's Tale 13:00 Future Quest (pt) 13:30 Ancient Warriors (pt) 14:00 Open University 16:00 A Whale's Tale (pt) 17:00 Future Quest (pt) 17:30 Ancient Warriors (pt) 18:00 Open University 20:00 One in a Million 20:30 The Wild South 21:00 Telescope 21:30 Des Plaines 22:00 Horrors 22:00 Bortz, Bergman and TB 23:00 The Baccarae 1:10 Open University

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Seina Scott Show 7:00 NBC News with Tom Brokaw 7:30 ITN World News 8:00 Today Show 10:00 Superstar 11:00 European Money Wheel 16:00 Wall Street - live 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Adventures 20:30 The Seina Scott Show 21:30 Dateline 22:30 ITN News 23:00 Baseball 00:00 Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien 2:00 Later with Greg Kinnear

STAR PLUS

6:00 Aerobics 8:30 Nanny and the Professor 7:00 Mr. Belvedere 7:30 Cooking Secrets of the CIA 8:00 ET 8:30 Gabrielle 9:30 Santa Barbara 10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 11:00 Oprah Winfrey 12:00 Remington Steele 13:00 Cooking Secrets of the CIA 13:30 ET 14:00 Seinfeld 14:30 Murnie 14:30 The Black Stallion 15:00 Lost in Space 16:00 Home and Away 16:30 Entertainment Tonight 17:00 M*A*S*H 17:30 21 Jump Street 18:30 The X-Files 19:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 20:00 Santa

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Ben-Yair: Indictments have no political motive

ATTORNEY-GENERAL Michael Ben-Yair indignantly denied yesterday that a recent wave of indictments and investigations against right-wing politicians is politically motivated, and charged that those making these accusations are out to destroy the independence of the State Attorney's Office.

In the past three weeks, Ben-Yair has decided to indict Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert (Likud) for tax fraud allegedly committed during the 1988 elections, named the appointment of Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan to certain ministries because of a police investigation of him which is now drawing to a close, and decided to open a preliminary investigation of Justice Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman for an event the State Attorney's Office has known about for the past four years.

Many Likud figures have charged that these decisions were politically motivated, especially as Ben-Yair closed cases against

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two then-ministers from Labor - Binayamin Ben-Eliezer and Yisrael Kessar - earlier this year. These charges have also been raised by newspaper columnists.

"This is very worrying," Ben-Yair said at a rare press conference yesterday. "The result of these publications is likely to be the undermining of the public's faith in the motives of the prosecution... [These publications] have a purpose, and their purpose is to influence the prosecution's judgments, in order to undermine the independence of the prosecution," he added.

In deciding whether to bring charges or close a case, the prosecution weighs only two factors, Ben-Yair said: Whether there is enough evidence for an indictment, and whether there is a public interest in the case.

To prove this, he presented a list of the cases against public figures which he has considered, includ-

ing indictments that were filed against left-wing politicians - such as Labor MKs Yossi Vanunu and Avi Yehezkel - and cases that were closed against right-wing figures, including MK Avner Shaki (NRP) and Prime Minister Binayamin Netanyahu.

For public figures, he added, decisions are reviewed by several levels of the State Attorney's Office, culminating with the attorney-general himself.

The only proper place for criticism of the prosecution's decisions, Ben-Yair said, is the courts - not the political arena or the press.

Ben-Yair noted that the decision to indict Olmert was made only recently because the prosecution was waiting for a district court verdict on others accused of the same crimes, and this verdict was given only three months ago. Regarding Eitan, he said, the police finished its investigation and sent the file to his office only a month ago.

Journalist accuses Netanyahu, Ne'eman, Ben-Yair of lying

JUSTICE Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman, Prime Minister Binayamin Netanyahu, and Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair are all lying to the High Court of Justice, *Globe's* journalist Yc. Yitzhak charged in an affidavit to the court yesterday.

Last week, Yitzhak had filed a petition to the High Court against Ne'eman's appointment, charging that he was unfit for the job because of several crimes which Yitzhak alleged that he committed - though Ne'eman has never even been criminally investigated, much less indicted or convicted.

The court dismissed most of Yitzhak's charges at a hearing last week, but deferred its decision on the petition to give the police time to look into one affair which surfaced only last Sunday - a charge by a witness in the trial of MK Aryeh Deri (Shas) that Ne'eman had tried to pressure him not to testify. Both Ne'eman and the witness now deny that such an event ever occurred.

Yesterday, Yitzhak submitted a supplementary affidavit charging that Ne'eman, Netanyahu, and

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Ben-Yair did not give truthful information to the court at last week's hearing.

Netanyahu and Ben-Yair lied to the court, he wrote, when they said a legal opinion by Ben-Yair - which said Netanyahu should defer Ne'eman's appointment until the after initial court hearing last week - did not reach Netanyahu in time to prevent the appointment. Ben-Yair had sent his opinion to Netanyahu at the Knesset by fax at 3:15 p.m., shortly before the Knesset session opened, and in the confusion, both men said, it apparently never reached the prime minister.

However, Yitzhak charged, the two men had met earlier in the day, at around noon, to discuss the petition and its implications. At that meeting, Yitzhak claimed, Ben-Yair told Netanyahu in person that he should delay Ne'eman's appointment, but neither party revealed this to the court.

"A half truth is like a lie," he wrote. Therefore, he charged, both parties were lying when they

told the court that the appointment was made due to ignorance of Ben-Yair's opposition, rather than in direct defiance of it.

Regarding Ne'eman, Yitzhak said he lied in his response to one of the charges Yitzhak had leveled in his original petition - that Ne'eman committed fraud and extortion while serving as a court-appointed receiver for the Kochav Hashomron company.

In his response, Ne'eman noted that Yitzhak had previously petitioned the court to demand that a criminal investigation be opened against him on this affair. However, Ne'eman's affidavit continued, the court threw out the petition, which shows that there was no substance to Yitzhak's charges.

Yitzhak said that this statement was a lie. The petition was not thrown out, he said; he withdrew it of his own free will after the State Attorney's Office promised to look into the matter.

After looking into it, however, the State Attorney's Office concluded that there was no basis for opening a criminal investigation.

Agency resolution calls for 'preserving Jewish unity'

DECLARING victory, the Jewish Agency Assembly yesterday unanimously passed a compromise resolution calling for the preservation of the unity of the Jewish people. This was accomplished by deleting all references to "pluralism" and "status quo."

The original resolution, submitted by a coalition of American fund-raising organizations, including UJA, would have committed the agency to preserving the "principle of pluralism." The vote was delayed while the Reform movement and Mizrahi-Religious Zionists tried to work out compromise language.

The agency concluded its annual assembly without any specific statement or resolution on activities in the former Soviet Union, which are the bulk of its work. Of some 20 resolutions, only one dealt with the CIS, and it simply authorized the agency's board to take whatever steps are necessary to continue agency activities in Russia.

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After a debate on "Jewish unity" that lasted nearly two hours, Chairman Avraham Burg sought a unanimous vote. He told the delegates, "I don't want at this delicate moment for there to be a conflict with the new government and with the Jewish communities abroad."

The resolution urges the government not to change the Law of Return or use legislation to redefine "the current situation" - what advocates called the status quo.

The vote has no practical effect, although its most fervent proponents hoped it would express to the new government the Diaspora's hope there be no retreat from the religious status quo.

Sources said that the absence of details on Russia indicated that the agency wants to keep a low profile and not take any public action that would complicate the process of its reaccreditation in Russia.

The agency, in effect, delayed a

rejection of its request for new accreditation in Russia last week by pulling back its request to deal with what Moscow called "technicalities."

Alla Levy, the head of operations in the former Soviet Union, said last week that she had been advised by Moscow that the agency would not get its accreditation. "We couldn't afford having a negative answer," Levy told a gathering of UJA fundraisers.

However, she indicated that Moscow authorities, speaking only days after the inconclusive Russian election, also wanted to prevent a "negative" situation.

The Justice Ministry "suggested" that the agency take its documents back, because there were some "technicalities" that had to be changed, Levy said. "We succeeded in [getting] the delay," she said. "It's not over, but I didn't come back optimistic."

It was not clear when the agency would resubmit its request for accreditation.

Suissa: Jerusalem Arabs not utilizing their building rights

THE Arab population in Jerusalem has not utilized the rights to build thousands of housing units in the city and surrounding villages, mainly because of objections to constructing multi-story buildings. Interior Minister Eli Suissa told the Knesset yesterday.

Suissa was making his first speech, in

answer to five motions to the agenda on the Har Homa project in south Jerusalem.

"As long as this sector doesn't change its attitude to land and utilize the building rights given it, the problem will not be solved. Anyone who decides to live a rural lifestyle in

Jerusalem will not be able to enjoy the benefits of the city in everything related to planning and construction and vice versa," Suissa said.

He described the claims by opposition MKs that the project was at the expense



Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush (United Torah Judaism), who will run the ministry which is formally held by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, accepts the congratulations of his predecessor, Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, at yesterday's changeover ceremony. (Ariel Jerolimski)

WEATHER

Area	Temp	Wind	Clouds
Tel Aviv	22-30	SE 10-15	partly cloudy
Jerusalem	22-34	SE 10-15	partly cloudy
Beersheva	21-28	SE 10-15	partly cloudy
Haifa	22-33	SE 10-15	partly cloudy
Tiberias	24-37	SE 10-15	partly cloudy
Afula	21-37	SE 10-15	partly cloudy
Samarfa	22-34	SE 10-15	partly cloudy
Dead Sea	27-42	SE 10-15	partly cloudy
Ein	27-44	SE 10-15	partly cloudy

Forecast: Warmer.

AROUND THE WORLD

Location	Low	High	Wind	Clouds
Amsterdam	11	15	SE 10-15	partly cloudy
Bahia	22	28	SE 10-15	partly cloudy
Buenos Aires	12	18	SE 10-15	partly cloudy
Caracas	24	30	SE 10-15	partly cloudy
Chicago	18	24	SE 10-15	partly cloudy
Copenhagen	12	18	SE 10-15	partly cloudy
Helsinki	10	16	SE 10-15	partly cloudy
London	12	18	SE 10-15	partly cloudy
Los Angeles	18	24	SE 10-15	partly cloudy
Moscow	14	20	SE 10-15	partly cloudy
New York	18	24	SE 10-15	partly cloudy
Paris	14	20	SE 10-15	partly cloudy
Rome	16	22	SE 10-15	partly cloudy
Sydney	12	18	SE 10-15	partly cloudy
Tokyo	18	24	SE 10-15	partly cloudy
Vienna	14	20	SE 10-15	partly cloudy
Zurich	12	18	SE 10-15	partly cloudy

Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the nine of spades, jack of hearts, jack of diamonds, and seven of clubs.

Knesset declares war on road deaths

THE Transportation Ministry and the Public Works Department agreed yesterday to spend NIS 10 million to make immediate improvements on the Jordan Valley road and to install traffic lights at the junction outside Sderot, at which five people were killed in an accident last week.

Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy said he would also ask Prime Minister Binayamin Netanyahu to immediately implement a decision made by the government last year to add 425 officers to the Traffic Police.

Earlier in the day, the Knesset debated the issue of road accidents, with Levy calling on the public to "declare war - a war for life on the roads."

Levy asked the public to remember that cars are potential weapons, adding "a criminal driver should be seen as just that."

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MK Ophir Spies (Labor) suggested establishing a special Knesset committee for road safety.

"In the past two days, 12 people have been killed in road accidents. Deaths on the road have become the curse of the country. The public rightly feels that the authorities don't have a solution to the problem," Spies said.

"This House has exhausted many words on the subject of road murder," said Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon. "I say 'murder' because there is no other definition for what's happening. What else can we say? What else can be written? What else can be broadcast? Yet the headlines continue to scream and young lives continue to be cut short. It's unthinkable that

this phenomenon should be something taken for granted.

"Every one of us - MKs and ministers - can play our part, by legislation or enforcement or construction or budgeting. One can't accept headlines about a 17-year-old killed four days after receiving his license. This is not the society we want to live in. All the talk of peace, a healthy economy and quality of life aren't worth anything with headlines like this."

MK Ran Cohen (Meretz) noted that in the previous Knesset he and Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi (Likud) submitted a law on road safety supported by 91 MKs, which passed first reading. He said the law contains means of enforcement, education and supervision, and asked that the Knesset continue to promote it. The Knesset is scheduled to hold another discussion on the subject Monday.

Yisrael Ba'aliya presents demands to chief rabbis

THE Yisrael Ba'aliya Knesset faction yesterday presented the chief rabbis with a list of demands intended to improve the level of religious services offered to new immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

In a meeting with the two chief rabbis in Jerusalem, the party's ministers and MKs asked that representatives of the rabbinic courts be stationed in the CIS states; that Russian-speaking aides be appointed in the offices of local rabbis and religious councils, and that a national network of courses in Jewish studies be established.

Chief rabbi Yisrael Lau and Eliahu Bakshi-Doron did not promise the Yisrael Ba'aliya representatives anything, but agreed that a committee should be set up to examine the requests in depth.

The two did, however, agree to reiterate the prevailing instructions regarding the burial of non-Jews and those whose status is unclear.

On Monday, the Chief Rabbinical Council will hold a session with the heads of the large burial societies, and will stress that such bodies should be buried in an honorable fashion in sections set aside for them, and not outside the cemetery gates.

Lau stressed, however, that this meeting will only reiterate the prevailing directives. The few problematic cases that have reached the media - such as that of the toddler killed in a Sderot road accident last week and soldier Lev Pishov, who was killed by terrorists three years ago - are the exceptions that prove that in most cases, these burials are handled with sensitivity. (tim)

State appeals military case

The state yesterday lodged an appeal with the Supreme Court against a district court ruling saying that failing to return to Israel for military duty is not a crime.

The case involved a man who received a permit from the army to go abroad for two months before being drafted, but instead stayed abroad for two years. He was indicted for his failure to return and convicted by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court, but the Tel Aviv District Court overturned the decision, saying there is no such crime on the books. In its appeal, the state argued that since draftees are required by law to get a permit from the army before leaving the country, someone who violates the terms of his permit also violates the law.

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No visitors for Amir

Convicted assassin Yigal Amir was banned from having visitors for two months, after guards found him trying to cover up the closed circuit television camera in his cell. The incident occurred some six weeks ago at Beersheba's Ohalei Kedar Prison, where Amir is being kept in solitary confinement.

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Agreement reached on highway work

THE Trans-Israel Highway Corporation and the Israel Union for Environment Defense reached an agreement yesterday to stop some of the work being done at the Kassem junction.

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